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## Floods Hit Area as Streams Continue to Rise

### It's 'Lake Manatawny' as Creek Spills Over Into Park Area



—Mercury Staff Photos

Heavy rains forced Manatawny creek up over its west bank north of West King street yesterday, creating a veritable lake. An island juts up out of the area (above, left) which had been graded for use as a baseball diamond. The arrow points to West King street. Looking

north (above, right), two flood fans survey a broad expanse of water. Surface water "marooned" one none-the-less happy youngster (top right) in the kiddies center of the park. At High and Berks streets (lower right) it was one big splash as cars zoomed along the pike.

## Schuylkill Surges Upward; Crest of 14 Feet Predicted

The Pottstown area came perilously close to a major flood yesterday as streams and rivers spilled over after 44 hours of steady rain and snow-melting temperatures.

Sections of roads and occasional cellars scattered throughout the area were inundated. But damage was not widespread.

Late last night, the Schuylkill river stood at 12 feet, 9 1/2 feet over normal, but still 4 feet shy of the 16-foot flood stage. Reading Weather bureau predicted that the peak would reach 14 feet here sometime before noon today. It was still raining last night at midnight after beginning Wednesday at 4 a. m.

The weather forecast indicated windy and colder early this morning and fair and colder today. If the temperature drops below freezing, the flood will abate quickly with its supply source dried up.

The river foamed up sharply early yesterday afternoon but the rise slowed appreciably after dark. Reading expected 15 feet, two feet over flood level.

SEVERAL INCHES of snow, melting all over the Schuylkill basin, helped the flood. Floods in December are a phenomenon, the bureau reported, because of freezing temperatures.

Although all streams in the area jumped their banks, residents along the banks of the Schuylkill suffered the worst overflow.

Part of the river street went under early last night plus sections of the River road on either side of the Douglassville covered bridge and the Parkerford-Spring City road.

The river road was blocked off on both sides of the Douglassville bridge with knee-deep water over three sections.

Water street, below Keim, was roped off as it was covered with about two feet of water. Householders estimated, however, that it would take three to four more feet of water in the river to reach homes there.

ROUTE 29 BETWEEN Green Lane and Perkiomenville, which skirts the Perkiomenville creek, was impassable up to late last night with two and a half feet of water on it. Cars were rerouted through Montgomery county park.

Elsewhere along the Perkiomenville, the Mill road at Schwenkville was closed and the road into Memorial park, Schwenkville, was under water. At Collegeville, the stream was over its banks.

Route 83 was half-covered for about 350 feet west of the Parkerford-Lindbergh bridge and the Spring City-Parkerford road, reported impassable under three feet of river water.

Along the Manatawny, Route 73 between Yellow House and Pleasantville was a water casualty, although passable, and the meadows south of King street in Manatawny park were flooded. The stream's surface was only a foot and a half from the King street bridge.

French creek in Chester county, Sprague's run, west of Pottstown. (Continued on Page Three)

## Man Injured; Suspect Held In Hit and Run

A youthful hit-and-run suspect was being returned to Pottstown early this morning for questioning about an accident at High and Washington streets in which a car broke a pedestrian's leg and kept on going.

The victim, Robert McCord, 36, Birdsboro, was taken at 9 o'clock to Memorial hospital by Good Will ambulance. He was found to have suffered a compound fracture of the right leg.

McCord told Patrolman Paul Galloway that as he was crossing High street from north to south, a car traveling at "a high rate" of speed went through an amber light, hit him and kept on going.

A companion of McCord's, Raymond Woodley, also Birdsboro, obtained a description of the car. A few hours later, Reading City police stopped a car fitting the description and containing several young men. Reading police turned over the youths to State police of the West Reading barracks.

Irwin L. O'Toole, of Pennington, Montgomery county, was charged with hit-and-run driving in a warrant sworn out at 2 o'clock before Justice of the Peace Raymond C. Kelley, of the second ward.

## Yule Seal Campaign Already Past Amount Collected Here in '47

An unexpected check for \$50 yesterday sent the Christmas Seal fund to \$34,227, passing the 1947 mark by \$120.

But the total for 1948 is expected to be even higher, since of the 2630 letters sent out when the drive began late the past month, 737 replies have not yet been received.

William M. Hiestler, chairman of the local drive, pointed out that on Dec. 31, 1947, the fund stood at \$28,925.44. That figure already has been passed this year by \$519.73.

"After Dec. 31, 1947," Hiestler said, "we received \$518.83 before the final accounting. That is the potential for this drive."

STILL TO BE counted in the 1948 campaign is the money from schoolchildren who bought the bangles, in the form of double-barred crosses, before the Christmas holidays.

Hiestler termed Pottstown's purchase of the tuberculosis seals "very gratifying," adding, "we hope that those who have not yet sent in their returns will do so as soon as possible so we may complete our accounting."

In Montgomery county, the drive has reached \$42,000 approximately the same as in 1947.

This year, officials of the Montgomery County Tuberculosis and Public Health society, Norrisville, said, the goal is \$53,000, \$5000 over the 1947 total.

## ON THE MAIN DRAG

DUKE ALLEN

—Springing over a wide area to celebrate at his "coming out" party.

SARA JANE CAPP

—admirer of a large Christmas tree.

BOB SMITH

—shooting darts.

VIRGINIA HOAGNEY

—discussing the latest novels.

JOE RUYAK

—teasing a dog.

PAUL BARTMAN

—receiving an unexpected letter.

TOM ALLEN

—helping to push a car.

PETE RADLEY

—trying to repair a toy train.

WILBERT SHARP

—purchasing a new sweater.

KITTY LOU SCHWABER

—sharing an umbrella with a friend.

## Soldier Confesses to Holdup Attempt After Woman Names Him as Annoyer

### 500 'TEEN-AGERS' ATTEND DANCES

Bethany Center, YMCA and YWCA Are Scenes Of Holiday Festivities

More than 500 boys and girls of Junior and Senior High school age enjoyed holiday dances at the YMCA, YWCA and Bethany Center last night.

The dances were sponsored by Local 211, American Federation of Musicians (AFM), which furnished the orchestra, without charge, and the Pottstown Kiwanis club, with the co-operation of the Recreation commission, the YMCA and the YWCA.

With festoons of miniature balloons strung across the ceiling and colored spotlights playing on the crowd, 200 high school "teen-agers" danced to the tunes of Russ Garber and his orchestra in the YMCA auditorium.

WINNERS OF THE SPOT dances were Jill Millard and Robert Dobry; Daisy Goodyear and John Nycum; Phyllis and Parker Gray, and Betty Sison and Richard Foltz.

A group of students, including Barbara Weikel, Mary Lou Singer, Max Stone, Irene Corbett, Robert (Continued on Page Six)

### Embezzling Suspect Still Being Sought by Police

Schulz Baking company executives said last night they had no word of William A. Lister, 38-year-old route salesman, who disappeared after completing his rounds the past Monday.

Lister, who lives at 411 Walnut street, became the object of a search after a warrant was sworn out against him Wednesday.

The salesman-driver was accused of embezzling \$50 or more in company funds. Since he took his route books with him, the exact amount could not be determined immediately.

Lister's automobile was found at the Reading company station yesterday.

Police Sgt. Daniel J. Linton said local police had sent out a teletype message describing the employee, and had done preliminary checking on him in the borough.

### THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy, windy and colder with snow flurries today and tonight. Partly cloudy and continued cold tomorrow.

### 52 Mercury 31

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TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and today this morning were:

4 a. m.	32	4 p. m.	44
5 a. m.	32	5 p. m.	44
6 a. m.	32	6 p. m.	44
7 a. m.	32	7 p. m.	44
8 a. m.	32	8 p. m.	44
9 a. m.	32	9 p. m.	44
10 a. m.	32	10 p. m.	44
11 a. m.	32	11 p. m.	44
12 m.	32	12 p. m.	44
1 p. m.	32	1 p. m.	44
2 p. m.	32	2 p. m.	44
3 p. m.	32	3 p. m.	44
4 p. m.	32	4 p. m.	44
5 p. m.	32	5 p. m.	44
6 p. m.	32	6 p. m.	44
7 p. m.	32	7 p. m.	44
8 p. m.	32	8 p. m.	44
9 p. m.	32	9 p. m.	44
10 p. m.	32	10 p. m.	44
11 p. m.	32	11 p. m.	44
12 m.	32	12 m.	44

## Two-Man Police Patrols May Be Out in Shakeup

Burgess William A. Griffith disclosed the possibility of a third major change in the Pottstown police setup last night.

He said that he is "considering" a rule making it standard practice for only one patrolman to be assigned to each of the borough's two police cars.

At present, two men are assigned to each car, except between 4 a. m. and 3 a. m., when there is only one man in the car that is in operation.

This disclosure followed the burgess's double-barreled announcement Wednesday night.

He will recommend creation of a full-time plainclothes post, and he believes there is a strong possibility the police committee will recommend hiring at least one additional patrolman.

The burgess said Wednesday that he believes the changes may reduce the toll of lookings in Pottstown, which have cost residents more than \$470 this month, and more than \$8500 in the past six and a half months.

THE BURGESS'S disclosure last night confirmed a rumor that has swept through the police force this week, and has caused considerable speculation, not all of it happy, about who will be driving and who will be walking, if the change goes through.

According to the rumors, two motor patrolmen, Harold E. Hahn and Thomas A. Lawler, are expected to be moved out of car duty onto some foot patrol.

Hahn once was the patrolman most frequently assigned by Chief Laughead to major investigations.

Another prevalent rumor is that one of the desk patrolmen, who is believed to have fallen into the chief's disfavor, will be switched to beat-pounding.

THE IMPEENDING "SHAKEUP" has set the borough hall grapevine (Continued on Page Six)

## Churches Here to Herald Arrival Of New Year at Special Services

A rollicking, rousing youngsters, clapper-clad 1948, will be ushered into Pottstown at midnight tonight.

The celebration of his birth will range from the din of smoke-filled clubs and taverns to the solemn candle-lit Watch Night services of local and rural churches.

For Catholics, New Year's Eve will be a time of preparation for the Feast of Circumcision, New Year's Day, a holy day of obligation. Confessions will be heard in Catholic churches at 4 o'clock this afternoon and again at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Watch night services will be held at six churches tonight; the

Home-made Pies to take out, Howard Johnson's, 1500 High St. Closed New Year's Day. Binder's Drug Store, 307 High St.

Levensgood's Cup, Charlotte & Prospect, open New Year's, 4 to 7 p. m.

Plymouth Auct. & Mkt., 1201 E. Main Northristown, open Fri. & Sat. all day.

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## Young Suspect Identified by Mercury Story

An attractive young Pottstown housewife yesterday put the finger on the holdup man who attempted to rob the grocery of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Trojanowski, 4 East Fourth street, Wednesday night.

She recognized him from a complete story of the attempted crime in yesterday's Mercury as the young man who annoyed her on her way home from work.

Her report to the police yesterday morning led a four-man squad composed of Chief of Police James A. Laughead, Motor Patrolman Stanley Borowy and Earl Rhoads, and Patrolman Robert Scheidt to P. O. Earl R. Detwiler, Perkiomenville RD 1, a 22-year-old serviceman on leave from Camp Kilmer, N. J.

Detwiler then confessed to the attempt on the Trojanowski store.

He previously had been placed on probation for burglarizing a room in the Stein apartments at High and Washington streets more than a year ago, Laughead said.

DETWILER TOLD police he arrived home on furlough from Camp Kilmer the past Friday.

Wednesday afternoon, the youthful serviceman came to Pottstown about 2 o'clock. After walking around and doing some shopping, he said, he purchased a toy pistol in a High street 5 and 10 cent store. He also visited The Mercury to report his marriage a week ago in Morgantown, Ky.

Then he walked on York street until he noticed the Trojanowski store. Waiting until the store was empty, he entered and ordered a small bottle of olives from Mrs. Verna Trojanowski, who was tending the counter.

As Mrs. Trojanowski opened the cash register to give him 78 cents change from a dollar bill, the youth said softly:

"Madam, this is a holdup." Mrs. Trojanowski turned to see the toy pistol leveled on her. She screamed for her husband, who was sitting in the living room of their home which is connected to the store.

As Mrs. Trojanowski screamed, (Continued on Page Six)

## Kimberlin Man Named As Justice of the Peace

George C. Emery, Kimberlin, was named Justice of the Peace in East Pikeland township, replacing Kenneth Shiley, who resigned.

The appointment was announced yesterday in Harrisburg by Gov. James H. Duff.

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## Jaycees to Sponsor January Drive for March of Dimes

The Pottstown Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the March of Dimes campaign here, from Jan. 14-31, it was announced last night. Elwood R. Aanstadt and C. B. Welch were named co-chairmen at a Jaycee meeting in the Security Trust building.

Working with them will be Alden Ramsdell, in charge of the distribution of containers; John M. Howard, publicity; Richard L. Wisneski, special features; and Hathaway K. Geyer, financial secretary.

No goal has been announced for the Pottstown area, but Welch pointed out, "The need is at least twice as great as it was last year. The Foundation's surplus was wiped out by the epidemic of infantile paralysis last Fall, which drained both local and national resources."

METHODS OF COLLECTION in the March of Dimes campaign will be through containers in stores, clubs, schools and industries, "wish-ing-wells" at major corners; collections in theaters, and the use of parking meters, into which dimes may be dropped.

These will be donations only, and will not pay for parking time. Borough council has given its permission for the use of the meters in the campaign.

Proceeds of the drive will be divided between the Montgomery county and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Welch pointed out that the national funds are diverted wherever they are needed, and that if necessary, they may come back to this county.

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Levensgood's Ice Cream, Jan. 1, 8 to 12 at plant. Cup 4 to 7 p. m.

## Local Man Fined After Attempt To Catch 'Law's Arm' in Window

Peter J. Kuspis, 22, of 1 West Fourth street, was fined \$10 and costs last night after a borough patrolman said Kuspis tried to close a car window on the arm of the law and backed the car up as the patrolman walked behind it.

The formal charge against the short, dark-haired youth was disorderly conduct. It was preferred by Patrolman Charles Stetler at a hearing before Justice of the Peace Raymond C. Kelley, of the second ward.

The altercation began at 3 a. m. yesterday when Stetler, on foot patrol along High street, ordered about 12 noisy young men to move from their loitering place on the steps of the Pottstown Eagles home, 310 High street.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE trouble with Kuspis were these, Stetler told the magistrate:

Kuspis used obscene language and threatened to "get him." When Stetler stuck his arm through the open window of the car into which Kuspis climbed, Kuspis rolled up the window on the patrolman's arm.

Stetler freed his arm by punching Kuspis sharply in the mouth.

Kuspis locked one door. When Stetler walked to the back of the car, Kuspis started the car and sent it backward.

THE PATROLMAN PULLED out his revolver and told Kuspis he (Continued on Page Six)

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# Church Excommunicates Catholics Connected With Cardinal's Arrest

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 30 (AP)—All Roman Catholics who had any connection with the arrest of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary were excommunicated today. The punishment is one of the most severe in church law.

The sacred consistorial congregation of the Vatican took the action in a decree dated Dec. 26 and published today. The condemnation was pronounced under provisions of canon law reserved to the apostolic see. Thus the offense can be forgiven only by the holy see itself.

Hungary's Communist-dominated government announced the arrest of the 56-year-old Cardinal the past Monday on suspicion of plotting against the government, spying, treason and black market money dealings. Thirteen others also are held.

Excommunication cuts off members of the church from all sacraments. Such persons also are banned from public services and prayers of the church, from Catholic burial and from social contacts with the faithful.

Excommunication is surpassed in church penalties only by the pronouncement of "anathema"—an ecclesiastical curse.

The decree of excommunication said the persons who dared "to lay hands sacrilegiously" upon the Cardinal have fallen under "infamia juris"—the infamy of the law. This means that in the eyes of the church the offenders are involved in a crime on a level with rape, perjury and simony, the illicit traffic in sacred things.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH also excommunicated all who had anything to do with the conviction and imprisonment of the head of the church in Yugoslavia, Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac, in 1946. Yugoslavia's Communist government charged Stepinac with collaboration with the Germans and sent him to prison for 16 years.

A Vatican source said the past September, before Mindszenty's arrest, that the Cardinal had threatened the excommunication of Hungarian Catholics who spoke offensively of the pope or church.

In a communique issued last night in Budapest, the Hungarian government said Mindszenty has been a "sponsor of Hungarian Fascism." The communique alleged that the Cardinal hoped for American occupation of Hungary and "aimed to make a second Greece" out of the country.

Mindszenty was not available to answer. Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, has declared the arrest was "the first grim step in another totalitarian mock-trial."

A Vatican source said the sacred college of cardinals sent a letter to Pope Pius XII saying the cardinal protested "before the whole civilized world for this new, grave offense against the liberty of the church."

## Tense Scene at Tot's Deathbed



With only a few minutes left before death entered a Detroit emergency hospital room, Odell Martin, his face tense with anguish, clutches the arm of his dying 11-month-old daughter, Pamela, who was fatally injured in an auto crash. The child's mother, driving the car when it crashed with a city bus, is suffering from head injuries.

## Probers Say Chambers Carried Money for West Coast Spy Ring

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Congressional spy hunters said today that Whittaker Chambers in addition to obtaining many Washington secrets for Soviet Russia, once carried a money belt with \$10,000 to San Francisco "for the purpose of financing West Coast spy operations."

Chambers, an ex-Communist, has admitted he served as a courier for a Red network in Washington before the war.

## Jews Surround Egyptian Base in Palestine

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Dec. 30 (AP)—U. N. observers today reported Gaza, main Egyptian base in Palestine, virtually surrounded by Jewish forces.

The observer at Gaza reported to their headquarters at Haifa that it appeared likely the Arab port eventually would be in the same position as the Faluja pocket, 30 miles southeast of Tel Aviv, where an Egyptian force of about 3,000 has been surrounded since mid-October.

The U. N. account thus confirmed the surmises of reporters here that the Jews hold dominating positions overlooking the road southward from Gaza but are leaving open an escape hatch for the Egyptians if they wish to take it. Meanwhile Israel's air force and Navy make reinforcement of the port by sea difficult, if not impossible.

THE ISRAELI ARMY spokesman said fighting in the Negev spread to a wider area today, but was on a less intense scale. U. N. observers, who are able to function only on the Egyptian side, said there was little military activity.

The army spokesman said two Egyptian planes of Italian make were shot down today by Israeli planes over Israeli territory.

There was no indication that Israel had made good the threat of Premier Muzahim Amin Al Pachachi of Iraq to resume fighting in Central Palestine.

## Change of Office Hours

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## DUTCH TIGHTEN NEW-WON HOLD ON SUMATRA

Troops Say Resistance By Republicans Slight; All Major Cities Taken

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Dutch tightened its hold on oil and rubber rich Sumatra today after announcing capture of the only remaining economically important area.

"Resistance was negligible," the Dutch army communique said in announcing the capture of the Djambi oil fields in Southern Sumatra Wednesday.

The "police action" against the Indonesian republic was geared to meet a time table. The Dutch have occupied all major republican cities in Java and have linked many of them. They have informed the United Nations Security Council they will order a cease-fire in Java midnight tomorrow.

In Sumatra—the most valuable natural resources area of the Indies—they are rushing to link Dutch-held territory in the north and south. Their time table calls for a cease-fire in Sumatra two or three days after Java.

THE DUTCH ALWAYS have claimed occupation not only of places where their troops actually are but also of territory between their columns. Inasmuch as their columns now lace Java it appeared likely they would claim control of all the island by the deadline. The same may be true in Sumatra.

An Army communique said troops in Central Java had extended their reach to Poerwodadi, north of Soerakarta, and Djombang southwest of Modjokerto.

From "somewhere in Java" a fugitive republican radio station reported republican guerrillas opened a synchronized attack on four Dutch-held cities early yesterday morning.

The radio claimed that the guerrillas destroyed buildings in Malang and captured Dutch policemen. Other attacks were made on Semarang, Walikukun and Bandjarne-gara, the broadcast said.

"Tom-tom" beating by the population added to the confusion of the defending troops," the broadcast said.

Thirteen Republican senators who classified themselves as liberals decided today to try to oust Senator Taft as chairman of the Senate Republican policy committee.

"They want to put in Senator Lodge of Massachusetts instead. Taft showed no alarm.

"I expect to be elected by a substantial majority," the Ohio senator said when he learned of the group's decision.

There will be 42 Republicans and 54 Democrats in the new Senate which convenes Monday. Thus the insurgent group would have to round up 23 votes to put out Taft and install Lodge.

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## CHIANG DECIDES TO CONTINUE CHINESE WAR

List of 'War Criminals' Given as Factor in Decision to Keep Fighting

NANKING, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Communists' "war criminals" list was reported today to have caused Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to determine angrily to continue the Chinese civil war.

The report, unconfirmed but generally circulated among informed circles in this capital, was to this effect:

Advisers finally had persuaded Chiang on Christmas Day that he must retire and let someone else try to negotiate peace with the dominant Communists.

Means of arranging this were being considered when the Communists broadcast a list of 45 government leaders they intended to punish as "war criminals." Chiang's name was at the top, and Madame Chiang was on it, too.

"THE GENERALISSIMO was very angry and there was an immediate change of mind," a Chinese source said.

With fighting at a standstill, it was confirmed officially that Chiang had called his government chiefs and field commanders in for meetings.

Shen Chang-Huan, government spokesman, said they were coming for "consultations rather than a conference."

ASKED AT A NEWS conference to comment on reports that Vice President Li Tsung-Jen was among advocates of a negotiated peace, Shen replied:

"I met the vice president this morning. When told of this report, he was much surprised, saying, 'I share the same thought entertained by President Chiang.'"

As was the case the past year, Betty Grable finished in the runner-up spot. It's the sixth time the beautiful Betty has made the top ten. Abbott and Costello, after three years' absence from the lists, bounced back into third spot. Others, in order, are Gary Cooper, Bob Hope, Humphrey Bogart, Clark Gable, Cary Grant, Spencer Tracy and Ingrid Bergman.

In the western division, Roy Rogers edged out Gene Autry, with Bill Ebbert, George "Gabby" Hayes, William Boyd, Charles Starrett, Tim Holt, Johnny Mack Brown and Andy Devine trailing in the top nine.

British exhibitors picked the English stars in this order: Anna Neagle, Margaret Lockwood, John Mills, Michael Wilding, Stewart Granger, Michael Denison, Jack Warner, Google Withers, Patricia Roc, with a last-place tie between James Mason and Dennis Price.

The British also selected an international list, which goes: Crosby, Miss Neagle, Miss Lockwood, Miss Wilding, Fredric March, Hope, Danny Kaye, Myrna Loy and Gregory Peck.

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10.01 to 20.00..... 13c	50.01 to 100.00..... 35c
20.01 to 40.00..... 15c	
40.01 to 60.00..... 18c	
60.01 to 80.00..... 20c	
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## Democrats Plan Cut in Power Of Rules Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—To clear the road for the Truman program, Democratic leaders of Congress were reported to have decided today to cut down the power of the House rules committee to block legislation.

The decision, subject to a vote of the House, was made at a meeting of Democratic leaders in the office of Rep. Sam Rayburn, the shrewd Texan who is expected to become speaker when the House organizes Monday.

The leadership also decided to seek appointment of a committee which would recommend a "code of fair treatment" for the witnesses testifying to House committees.

The purpose behind the proposed reduction in the rules committee's power was obvious: to smooth the way for labor, social welfare and civil rights legislation.

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### 3 Persons Killed As Gunman Slays Couple and Self

NEWARK, O., Dec. 30 (AP) — Two men and a woman were shot to death and another man was wounded critically tonight on the spacious Dan Williams estate near Granville.

Mrs. Jack Hodson of Ipswich, S.D., wife of the wounded man, told newsmen at Newark City hospital it was a double murder and suicide.

Sheriff Roe Francis radioed his headquarters here that two of the victims were identified as Jane Williams, 45, a Cleveland school teacher and daughter of the estate owner, and Ernest Rowley, 35, a hired man.

The other dead man was not identified immediately.

All three were killed by shotgun blasts. Mrs. Hodson's husband was shot in the left side. He and his wife arrived here last night for a holiday visit with Dan Williams, a cousin of Hodson.

MRS. HODSON TOLD newsmen the unidentified man entered the kitchen around 7:30 p. m.

"He was either drunk or insane," she sobbed to reporters. "I'd never seen him before."

She said he pointed the shotgun he was carrying at Miss Williams and pulled the trigger. Mrs. Hodson ran into the basement, calling Rowley, who was working there.

Rowley grappled with the man, but also was shot. Hodson also entered the fray and was shot, his wife said.

The unidentified man then killed himself, she added.

### Rotary Club Hears Talk on Television

Edward Bland, Philadelphia, television company executive, discussed the growth and possibilities of television before 65 members of the Pottstown Rotary club at a meeting in the Elks home last night.

Bland stressed the future of the industry in politics, education and entertainment.

During the business meeting, Ernest V. Hunter, chairman of the community service committee, showed the Rotarians a booklet describing health and welfare organizations in Pottstown.

The booklets will be distributed to civics classes in the Junior High school through the Rotary club.

Described in the booklet are the Pottstown Fire department, Good Will Ambulance service, Girl Scouts, Memorial hospital, Pottstown hospital, Pottstown Community camp, Children's Aid society of Montgomery county, Visiting Nurse organization.

Also the Salvation Army, YMCA, Pottstown Memorial park, Public Library, Family Welfare society, Boy Scouts and the YMCA.

Charles S. Nagle was program chairman last night and President S. Ernest Kulp took charge of the business session.

### Three Area Men Enlist In Marine Reserve Unit

Three area men have enlisted in Company B, Sixth Infantry battalion, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, it was announced from Reading last night.

They are George C. Maute and William B. Hale, both of Road B, Apartment 16D, Hillside, and Harvey R. Painter, 436 Main street, Birdsboro.

The reserves meet weekly at the U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training center, Reading Municipal airport.

Maute is a veteran of three years service with the U. S. Navy in China, while Hale served 18 months with the Army in Germany.

EX-THEATER OWNER DIES

EASTON, Dec. 30 (AP) — Isaac M. Thomas, 76, old time theater owner here, died today at his home.

Rhododendrons and azaleas are among the most difficult plants to grow.

### Globe-Girdling Flier Seeks Light Plane Record



Seeking to establish a new record for a non-stop light plane flight from Honolulu to New York, Capt. William ("Bill") Odum, noted "round-the-world" flier, is shown at an Oakland, Calif., airfield beside the "Benanza," in which the attempt will be made. On the extreme right is one of two special wing-tip fuel tanks, the installation of which were necessary to make the 5010 mile flight possible.

### FLOODS SWEEP —

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and the notorious Hubley's run, flanking Washington street, were all reported over their banks.

MEANWHILE, RELIEF organizations rallied in case of a serious threat.

Most remembered was Pottstown's last great flood on May 22-23, 1942. With a 22-foot crest, it killed one person, flooded scores of homes and made hundreds homeless for three days. Coast Guard detachments helped evacuation work. Industry losses amounted to millions of dollars.

The Red Cross disaster committee, headed by Earl R. Strange, met last night and mapped plans while Capt. Mervyn Cos. of the Salvation Army, announced that he had arranged to take over the Armory to house flood victims, if necessary.

According to the disaster committee's program, the YWCA, headed by Mrs. Alex V. Tisdale, executive secretary, would accommodate 35 victims. The Red Cross canteen service, organized by Mrs. Alvina Kerper, would provision them.

The meeting was held at the office of C. J. Keiser, chief of the Northern Montgomery county disaster committee. Also attending, besides those named, was Mrs. Harold Cadmus, advisor.

TO SAFEGUARD area residents south of the river in case all bridges should be blocked, the Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine company moved a pump over to Kenilworth, Chester Stuffed, was the driver.

Accompanying the pump was a Good Will ambulance, driven by Robert Roth, Goodies chief. Both pieces of apparatus will stay there until flood danger has subsided. Edward L. Gruber's garage housed the apparatus.

Conditions were worse in other parts of the county. At Port Indian, along the Perkiomen, 35 families were forced to move. Along the Gravel pike between Green Lane and Perkiomenville, residents packed belongings in cars ready for immediate evacuation.

FEW CELLARS WERE reported flooded. A Phillips pump took half an hour yesterday afternoon to dry out the cellar of Isiah Glenn, Beech and Adams streets. An overactive spring had caused the damage.

The basement of the Quoit club, South Pottstown, was covered with two feet of water at 11 o'clock last night.

The Goodies joined the borough in a fight to keep torrential sewers from jamming.

For four hours yesterday a crew manned a pump pumping out a manhole at West and Washington streets. Water had been backing into cellars of the newly-completed Brookside homes, residents complained. The water was dumped into an underground stream.

The same crew pumped out the main sewer line on Center street.

### River Prediction Disperses Flood Fears at Reading

READING, Dec. 31 — Predictions early this morning were that the level of the Schuylkill river would reach but not exceed 15 feet in Reading by 5 a. m.

Cellars in city homes bordering the river have been flooded in many cases, but the waterline has not reached first-floor levels and is not expected to reach them today.

The all-time highwater mark in Reading is 24 feet.

for half an hour, but quit when they found it was no longer necessary.

Borough officials reported that the load carried by the sewage system has been tripled in the past two days. Ordinarily the system carries away 2,750,000 gallons daily. Yesterday and Wednesday the load was 9,000,000 gallons, mostly swelled by storm sewer wash.

THE ONLY BRIDGE which took a beating was the wood bridge leading into Schuylkill Memorial park. One hand rail was missing after the swirling Perkiomen battered it for hours.

For the first time in years, employees at Montgomery County park opened the two-foot release valve under the park dam. The water in the dam had risen a foot.

It was still possible late last night to cross the Madison street bridge over the Schuylkill, but motorists approaching Pottstown had to detour up Keim street to avoid the flooded Water street. The street was reported barricaded only on the Pottstown approach. Water street was blocked below the U. S. Axle company plant almost to the bridge.

Large flooded areas, not blocking any roads, included the King street meadows, where the Memorial Park committee has leveled a space for a baseball diamond, and the area between High street and the Reading tracks opposite Berman's garage between Pottstown and Stowe.

The height of Pottstown's river banks has saved it from many a lesser flood, the Reading bureau explained.

In the past 50 years only three major floods have swept the borough.

The 1942 inundation carried a 22-foot crest, a little less than a foot above a flood in 1933. The granddaddy of them all was in 1902 when the crest was 23.5 feet high.

### CHURCHES HERALD —

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until 9:45 o'clock, at which time movie shorts and cartoons will be shown for adults.

Refreshments will be served until 11 o'clock, when the hour-long service begins. The Rev. Story will be assisted throughout the ceremonies by Leon Hausman and Mrs. Douglas Ottinger.

Fun and frolic will open the party at the Church of the Brethren at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Wilbur A. Martin, pastor, announced. At 10 o'clock refreshments will be served and will be followed by the service at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Martin will preach a candlelight sermon, with the program and special music sponsored by the young people. Irving Hausman will be in charge of the fun period, while the Young Adults class will plan the menu and serve.

WATCH NIGHT services will begin at the Christian and Missionary Alliance chapel and the Second Baptist church at 9 o'clock, at the Bethel A. M. E. church at 10 o'clock, and at the Sassamansville Reformed church at 10:45 o'clock.

Confessions will be held at St. Aloysius church and at Holy Trinity church at 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., while they will follow the services at St. Peter's church which begins at 7:30 o'clock.

Masses tomorrow morning will be held at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock at St. Aloysius church; at 7:30, 9 and 10 o'clock at St. Peter's church, and at 8:15 and 10:30 o'clock at Holy Trinity church.

### Pughtown Man Slips, Breaks Ankle in Fall

The name of William Danner, Pughtown, yesterday was added to the list of persons injured in falls as a result of the fog and ice the past Wednesday morning.

Danner, who is employed by the Bethlehem Steel company, Bethlehem, was on his way to work when he slipped and fell on the ice. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital, Bethlehem, where he was treated for a fractured ankle.

Icy roads prevented Mrs. Danner from visiting her husband after she was notified of the accident, but she made the trip to Bethlehem yesterday.

## DEATHS and FUNERALS

GEORGE W. SASSAMAN, 75, of 2 WEST FIFTH STREET, a resident of Pine Forge for 70 years, died late yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Pottstown hospital.

He was admitted to the hospital the past Nov. 2 after he had suffered a stroke at his home.

The husband of Amanda R. (Swavely) Sassaman for the past 49 years, he was born in Pine Forge, where he later worked for many years, both at the Pine Iron works and the Rutter estate, now the site of the Pine Forge Institute.

In 1943, he and his wife moved to the home of a son, Leon, of 2 West Fifth street.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Earl, Boyertown RD 2, and Leon; a brother, John, Boyertown RD 2, and four sisters, Sarah Sassaman, Boyertown RD 2, Mrs. Amanda Newman, 917 Queen street, Kates, wife of Frank Eagle, and Ida, wife of John Moser, both of Reading.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 339 King street. The Rev. Luther A. Krouse, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church, will officiate.

Interment will be made in Amityville cemetery.

WILLIAM S. SELL, BARTO RD 1, a painter in that area most of his life, died at his home yesterday afternoon. He had been ill a year and bedfast the past week.

Mr. Sell, who died at 59, was born in Douglass township, Montgomery county, educated in this area and a resident here all his life.

As a house painter he worked both independently and for contractors. Mr. Sell's last employer was Howard G. Weller, Boyertown, for whom he worked from 1940 until the end of 1946.

He was able to do a limited amount of work until the past summer.

Mr. Sell was a member of Christ's Lutheran church, Nantico, and of beneficial associations in Perkiomen Heights and Pleasant Run.

In addition to his wife, Edna H. (Kahler) Sell, he is survived by two sons, Stanley, Barto RD, and Lester, Bally; a daughter, Marion, wife of Earl Brensinger, Barto RD; three brothers, James, Zionsville RD, Lehigh county, Assaway, 928 Walnut street, Royersford, and Fred, 952 Walnut street, Royersford; two sisters, Sophia, wife of Harry D. Brey, Main street, Red Hill, and Jennie, wife of Ammon W. Schlicher, 41 North Reading avenue, Boyertown, and three grandchildren.

Services will be held from a funeral home at 221 Main street, East Greenville, at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Rev. George Pifer, pastor of Christ's Lutheran church, Nantico, officiating.

Interment will be in Christ's Union cemetery, Nantico.

MITCHELL A. HUMMEL, 46, of BECHTELSDALE RD 1, died yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock in Memorial hospital. In failing health for more than four years, he was admitted to the hospital the past Nov. 21.

Mr. Hummel was the husband of Ada E. (Jones) Hummel, and he was born in Morrisdale, Clearfield county. He was a son of Myrtle (Kramer) Hummel and the late George R. Hummel.

When he first moved to this area he lived in South Pottstown. He was an electric welder until his health failed, when he moved to the Bechtelsville section.

He was a member of the Gilbertville Fire company.

Surviving are his wife; his mother, a son, Robert G., at home, and one grandson.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Porter Smale and Mrs. Zana Shumel, both of Morrisdale, and Mrs. Mark Simpson, of Oshawa, Ontario, Can., and six brothers, Lloyd, Phoenix, Ariz.; Burton, of West Decatur, and Clyde, of Sandy Ridge, both towns in Clearfield county, and Richard, Roy and Herschel, all of Morrisdale.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 339 King street. The Rev. Kenneth R. Anderson, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe, will officiate.

Interment will be made in Highland Memorial park.

JOHN JACOBSON, formerly of 9 Union street, died suddenly the past Dec. 22 at his home in ABBOTSFORD, WIS., it was learned yesterday. His wife, a Pottstown woman, was a daughter of the late Nathaniel and Rebecca Emboldy.

Funeral services were held Dec. 26 from Hillsboro Lutheran church, Hillsboro, Wis. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Funeral services for MISS OWEN TIANA H. LONGACRE, of 375 NORTH CHARLOTTE STREET, a Pottstown school teacher for 33 years and principal of the Lincoln elementary school for ten years, were held yesterday at 2 p. m. from a funeral home at 456 North Franklin street.

Officiating was the Rev. Edgar S. Brown Jr., pastor of Grace Lutheran church. Interment was made in Mt. Zion cemetery.

Bearers were Joseph Longacre, Charles Longacre, George Longacre, John Longacre, James Longacre and Frank Gumperting.

Funeral services for PETER J. OLOCK, husband of the late Violet (Shelker) Olock, of 417 LAUREL STREET, were held from his home yesterday morning at 8:15 o'clock.

Requiem high mass was celebrated in St. John's Catholic Church of the Greek Rite at 9 o'clock by the Rev. John D. Taphich, rector.

Interment was made in the church cemetery, and bearers were Alfonso Patrick, Norman Gendal, Michael Slinski, Michael Horvat, John Horvat and Lawrence Proite.

Funeral services for WILLIAM G. ZIMMERMAN, 22, of 705 BEECH STREET, who died of injuries sustained in a three-car crash at High street and Moser road the past Dec. 25, were held yesterday morning in Tamaqua.

Solemn requiem mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock in St. Jerome Catholic church, Tamaqua, with interment made in St. Jerome Catholic cemetery.

Funeral services for RONALD THOMAS HAMPTON, two months old son of Warren G. and Ruth (Skene) Hampton, of SCHWENKSVILLE RD 1, will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at graveside in Brown-back's Reformed cemetery, Chester county.

### Cub Pack, Parents Hold Holiday Party

Eighty-five boys of Cub Pack 82, their parents and friends, made gay at the cub's Christmas party in the recreation room of Emmanuel Lutheran church last night.

After they had decorated the 5-foot tree, the cubs put on a musical program and received decorations and awards, as well as their registration cards for the coming year from LeRoy P. Moyer, cubmaster.

Cubbing awards went to Kenneth Christman, Harry Meyersch Jr., Robert Merkel, Carl Hottecker, Jack Meyers, Walter Henrichs, Robert McElbrook and Jack Smith.

W. Mark Henricks was in charge of the entertainment, put on both by the cubs and by the adults, while Mrs. James P. McElbrook and Mrs. Elwood G. Richter supervised the serving of refreshments.

A. W. Koppenhaver, pack chairman, was in charge of the party.

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Fancy Solid TOMATOES	lb	25c
Silver Floss SAUER KRAUT large cans	2 for	29c
Rival Blue PEAS No. 2 cans	2 for	35c
JELLO (all flavors)	3 pkgs	23c
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1948

You will find that the mere resolve not to be useless, and the honest desire to help other people will, in the quickest and delicatest ways, improve yourself.—John Ruskin.

**The Burgess Takes Over**

BURGESS WILLIAM A. GRIFFITH evidently has decided to take command of the Pottstown police department.

News reports indicate that he will shift around the policemen, putting some on plain clothes duty, exiling others to foot beat jobs.

This is entirely within the burgess' province. He is accorded that privilege by law.

His decision to run the police department will be a good break for the citizens. They'll know new who's boss! They'll know where to place the credit for good work — and where to lay the blame.

The decision of Burgess Griffith to play a more active role in the conduct of the police department is timely.

Pottstown never has had a crime wave such as it is undergoing now. Holdups, thefts, burglaries have piled up without solution. Women have been molested on the street. There's a list of unsolved crime as long as your arm in the archives at borough hall.

Whether Burgess Griffith is qualified to move around policemen like pawns on a chess board remains to be seen. His qualifications as a police expert never have been publicized.

Many critics of borough hall affairs have derided the amateurish antics of politicians who become experts overnight. They become traffic experts, for instance, and plaster the community with signs; stop signs, speed signs, no left turn signs and comfort station signs!

Maybe Burgess Griffith once was a policeman himself. If he was, he never let on. The town knows him as a contractor. But maybe he will get a little action out of a department ridden by feuds, marred by cliques, and disrupted by lack of discipline.

Burgess Griffith, we fear, is starting at the wrong end. Instead of killing what little spirit is left in some of his privates by exiling them to the outposts, he would be better off if he regarded with suspicion the source of his advice. Too much of the reprisal taint is in the air.

The Pottstown police force contains many good men; many good, young policemen who are fired with determination. Many have long years of experience and schooling. But their lights have been busheted by jealousy. Their police work has been sabotaged by favorites who yearned for the glory of public acclaim.

What the Pottstown police force needs is an inspirational leader. It needs a good head who earned his spurs through work and not through nepotism.

Rather let Burgess Griffith start at the top to clean house!

**Disappearing Shortages**

GOODS which have been hidden from view because they were in short supply are becoming like the ducks in the shooting gallery. More and more are now out into the open as targets for buyers who now will snipe to bring prices down.

One of the latest products in full availability is plywood lumber. Because the building boom is still continuing, this valuable machine-made product was not expected to become generously available so soon. The price mechanism has brought about this result.

Another of its achievements is the present adequacy of oil supplies. In 1947 there was an oil shortage which has been cured in 1948. The industry established higher prices, which let it attract the men, materials, capital and labor needed for expansion of supplies. Now those supplies have been increased by a full 10 percent this year. Demand, too, is still rising—up 6 1/2 percent over last year.

Total investment in plant and all facilities by the oil industry amounted to \$2.5 billion in 1948. That investment got us over the hump. But if there had not been a portable oil outlook, made possible by the free price system, that huge amount of money would not have been invested to expand output.

Now having expanded at the world outlook in 1949 is for an excess of 260,000 barrels of crude production over needs. In the United States supplies above grounds have caused 75,000,000 barrels so we may soon expect shut backs and downward price pressures.

## Grampaw Oakley

**PUNKIN CORNERS,**  
December 30.

Editor, The Mercury.

Dear Sir 'N' Brother:

Wal I see by the papers where a new house has walls of steel. That should stop the housewife who always is trying to switch around the pictures!

Too many Christmas gift receivers think the X in Xmas also stands for Xchange counter!

And say: China's new premier, Sun Fe, made an instant hit. Especially with the newspaper headline writers.

Hopin' you air the same,

GRAMPANED OAKLEY

## Borough Accused of Fiddling on Pressing Issues

'... While Rome Burns'

To the Editor: Why is it that whenever the borough is faced with a problem the issue at hand is lost in a maze of complicated planning?

On two burning issues within the past week, the protection of our youngsters while sledding on borough streets and the upward crime rate, Burgess Griffith and Chief Laughhead have done nothing but "plan" for the future.

In my opinion, things like this can not be put off to a future date.

The first problem was solved by the rain, for which our borough officials no doubt prayed mightily, but what about the second? Are borough residents and out-siders to continue to be victimized by thieves and burglars because of lack of action?

Budget or no budget, the borough officials and the police committee in particular should press every available regular and special officer into service to help prevent these crimes.

Pay the officers overtime, shorten the beats of foot patrolmen by adding more men, and even offer bonuses, if necessary, to the men who bring in the crooks.

But most of all, let's get some action!

Pottstown GEORGE REIGEL

**Better 'Phone Service First**

To the Editor: Recently the Readers Say column has included letters from several telephone operators, defending the service they are giving the public.

I agree with these operators. They are doing a good job under the circumstances.

On Christmas Day, I tried to put through a long distance telephone call. I was told that my call would have to be delayed four hours. And four hours later I was told the same thing.

Now I'm not blaming the telephone operators.

But how would anyone react if, while waiting at a corner for a bus, one came

## WASHINGTON

### U. S. Gives Critical Eye To High Foreign Costs

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 — The desperate need for cutting down our fearfully high foreign costs, as well as the Administration's increasing experience and maturity in the conduct of world affairs, has produced a significant but barely perceptible change in the attitude of the White House and Congress toward these problems as 1948 vanishes into history's pages.

Immediately after the Axis surrender in 1945, the American government and people shared with Britain and France the one thought of preventing future conflicts by demilitarizing and deindustrializing Germany and Japan.

The victors were in such a vengeful mood that the famous Morgenthau Plan for pastoralizing the Reich was drawn, although Franklin D. Roosevelt subsequently expressed amazement that, with Churchill at Quebec, he had ever been so foolish as to initial this document.

DESTRUCTION: It also was expected that Russia would co-operate in world rehabilitation as she had fought alongside the Allies during the conflict. When she launched the "cold war," forcing us to inaugurate the expensive Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan, there resulted a realignment which few anticipated then or appreciate now.

Under these new conditions, the dismantling and deconcentrating of German and Japanese industries, as provided in Yalta and Potsdam pacts, suddenly struck the men at Washington as dangerous and expensive business, especially as Uncle Sam is now subsidizing most of the anti-Russian world.

These directives of destruction, incidentally, were framed by military men rather than statesmen or economists.

PRODUCTION: The loss of production facilities in the Ruhr and Japan aggravated the financial burden on this country. It meant that these two nations as well as those which relied on them in a commercial and economic way would become "permanent poorhouses," dependent upon American charity at the rate of about ten billion dollars a year, or almost a fourth of our annual budget costs. Also, almost a fourth of our national tax bill.

Without the Ruhr's operations, it was realized at Washington, there could never be a general European recovery. It would be as if the coal and steel and manufacturers of Western Pennsylvania were eliminated from our economic structure.

REBUILDING: Moreover, as Moscow became more belligerent, even the military experts realized that the former enemy countries should not be so weakened that they would be at the mercy of a Russian attack.

Germany and Japan, in the opinion of Military Governors Lucius D. Clay and Douglas A. MacArthur, should be built into strong buffer states. MacArthur emphasized this angle in his recent memorandum on the menace of a Russian-dominated Far East.

So now, slightly more than three years after the close of the conflict, Washington demands the rebuilding of these once enemy countries, although under United Nations guarantees that they shall never again become military powerful.

INTERESTS: This shift of American policy has estranged both Britain and France for obvious reasons. They want to get their hands on these plants for reparations payments, for their own recovery and for fear of the regrowth of a strong Germany.

**FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING**

For MISS THEODA HETRICK, Unifield

BECAUSE her engagement to Mr. Bernard Yanos, 334 Vine street, Stowe, was announced recently.

## Borough Accused of Fiddling on Pressing Issues

along filled to the doors and he was told another one would be along in four hours and he could get that one?

A system—whether it is bus or telephone—is only as good as its ability to handle traffic at its peak.

The telephone company wants to increase its rates. I wonder if better service shouldn't come first.

Pottstown RD 4 MRS. R. G.

**Tribute to One of Them**

To the Editor: I think the Pottstown American Legion is to be congratulated for the funeral parade it held the other day for Mr. Wilson.

Most parades these days are, like everything else, too complicated and too calculated. We have parades to woop up sales or donations to a charity or to "butter up" a big shot, or to honor a hero whom we never saw.

This parade was for a man whom everybody in the parade knew. And it sprang from two very simple emotions. "He always turned out for us, so we're going to turn out for him" and "This is the way he'd have liked it, so this is the way it's going to be."

It is pleasant to find people in town still can do something big just because they think it's the thing to do.

Pottstown A. R.

**Smoke-Filled Buses**

To the Editor: Can't something be done to put a stop to smoking in Pottstown buses?

I take a bus from work every night that is filled with workmen puffing on cigars, pipes and cigarettes. In this way, all the windows are closed and, by the time I get off at my stop, my clothes smell like I just came out of a pool hall. My lungs, too, get saturated with the stuff.

Stowe ANN

## The Voice of Broadway

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

**Broadway Bulletin Board**

HEDDY LAMARR's favorite Santa Claus over the Christmas weekend was Eddie Norvis, who used to be Ann Sheridan's husband. . . . Ann Sheridan spent her Yuletide listening to sweet nothings from Cy Howard, the writer. . . .

Narcotic agents are set to close in on one of New York's prettiest showgirls, now in Florida. When they do she is expected to involve a well known radio and cafe singer, a fur manufacturer, and a Broadway agent. . . .

The David Selznick-Jennifer Jones wedding, originally planned for the holly-and-mistletoe season, has been postponed until Spring. . . . Three benefits are being planned for the family of jazz drummer Davey Tough, who died last week—one in New York, one in Chicago, and one in Los Angeles.

The advance sale at the Century for the Cole Porter show, "Kiss Me, Kate," is surpassing everything in the last 10 years. And it took 40 auditions to dig up the money to produce it!

MRS. VICTOR MATURE, suffering from a bad case of nerves, is vacationing

## The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

CLARK W., aged 35, is a clergyman here in Chicago.

"Dr. Crane, I notice that you have frequently urged people to utilize the church as a great aid toward building happy personalities," he began.

"And I have read with great interest your list of assets which the church contributes to society, such as hospitals and colleges, Salvation Army, Red Cross, settlement work, meeting places for the Boy Scouts and such desirable organizations.

"You say that every intelligent individual should get into some church and actively put his shoulder to the wheel, for the church is unrivalled in modern society for its beneficial influences.

"Well, why is it that almost half of our nation don't belong to churches, and among the other half, a large portion are very lukewarm? How would you recommend that we make people more church minded, Dr. Crane?"

IT IS A business psychology truism that when you have something merchandise on the shelves, and when your public really needs that merchandise, it ought to sell.

If it doesn't, then it may be priced too high, or else the merchandising methods aren't correct.

Certainly the churches have unequalled "merchandise" if I may be permitted to compare with this business analogy.

And the public certainly needs it as much today as ever in history, to judge by what is happening at home and abroad in the way of selfishness, brutality, strikes and talk of another World War.

Besides, the church puts no price tag on its contribution to society. It is free to all. So the real difficulty must be in faulty merchandising or lack of proper advertising methods.

Suppose we make a scientific analysis of the modern church. What do we find? Very imposing looking edifices. Could they be too cold and awesome?

Remember, Christ usually did his preaching out in the open air where it was cheery; where birds were singing or grain fields waved golden in the sunlight.

Besides, business houses long ago learned that an eerie or "spooky" atmosphere and semi-darkness produce bankruptcy.

For people are not in the "closing" mood, whether for signing a church pledge or an order blank, when they feel unable to talk above a whisper and the general atmosphere partakes of a funeral.

## Too Young for Cocktails

To the Editor: The account, on your Society Page, of the cabaret dance for college students mentioned that cocktail parties were held before this affair.

Is liquor a necessary part of a social function for our 'teen-agers'?

Are we determined to make guzzlers out of our young folks? This generation will produce enough of them, without any encouragement by the parents.

Pottstown MRS. G. P.

**Tax Trends**

To the Editor: It is disgusting how the big shots in radio can turn over millions of dollars in a broadcast, deal by just putting a different name to their classification, such as "low capital gains" and not "high income," when the poor fish who work at benches or in factories have their taxes deducted by their employers.

Anyone who can turn over that much money should pay the high income tax.

I don't believe there is any such man worth millions of dollars to secure when we have many scientists and chemists doing so much to help improve the health of our people who often die poor. They should be rewarded for their noble deeds.

This is one of the things that make chiselers out of the taxpayer when he sees how the big shots get by. When the big shot is caught in his evasion he will get by on a compromise instead of paying in full.

Royersford J. B. C.

**Better Pay to Avoid Draft**

To the Editor: People are conscripted for only two occupations — slavery, and solcetry. We do not conscript policemen, firemen, mailmen.

Let us offer adequate wages to soldiers, so those with ambitions and talents in that field will volunteer. West Point and Annapolis do not conscript officers—adequate wages insure volunteers.

Gilbertsville CITIZEN

from Victor Mature. . . Jimmy McHugh, the songwriter, bought enough gift bables to make Diana Griffith look like a Christmas tree. . . .

Wallace Beery is doing the spots again—but strictly in the milk-shake department, on doctor's orders. . . . Cecil Beaton has turned playwright. His script based on the story of the sisters of Gansborough is making the rounds. . . .

Paul Douglas and Joan Castle are keeping the coast-to-coast operators awfully busy. . . . Movie producers again are being lured to New York by city officials who point with pride to the new color lab the city is building. . . . Talk of the Main Stem is that Jacqueline Delpia hit the geegees for \$30,000 in the past fortnight.

BEN LYONS' PRETTY daughter, Barbara, has sailed for England, leaving crooner Derry Fallagant carrying a terrific torch. . . . The House Un-American Activities Committee is considering centering attention on Red activities at a world-famous college in New England. . . . Fred Keating, who made headlines recently with a suicide attempt, starts a new career tomorrow night when he premieres at Spivy's in a comedy act with Patsy Kelly. . . .

Joan Crawford really got into the Christmas spirit—had not only a Christmas tree in the children's room at her house, but one in the foyer and another in the kitchen!

## In Retrospect

### 50 Years Ago

December 31, 1898

ALUMNI MEETING.—The Pottstown High School Alumni association elected the following officers: Irvin T. Warner, president; William X. Scheffey and W. Bishop Schuyler, vice presidents; Elizabeth Duncan, recording secretary; Gertrude Evans, corresponding secretary; M. Elsie Starrett, treasurer; Charlotte Merrick and J. Harvey Warner, board of managers.

NEW EXCHANGE.—The new exchange of the Keystone Telephone company has been opened on the second floor of the Root building. William H. Gible is local manager and Addie Missimer is operator.

## 25 Years Ago

December 31, 1923

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr and Mrs Harrison Rhoads, 555 King street, entertained in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. They received many gifts. Rhoads is a tailor by trade. He has resided in this borough for the past 40 years.

MYSTEROUS SHOOTING.—While walking on Pleasant View road to his home at Sanatoga, George E. Simmons, 18, was struck in the left leg by a bullet of small caliber. His condition is not serious.

CAR DEMOLISHED.—The car of James J. Carr, 402 Fourth street, Royersford, was demolished when it was struck on the Harner street crossing here of the Reading railroad. The car stalled in front of an express train. Carr rescued his wife and child a few seconds before the car was struck.

## 10 Years Ago

December 31, 1938

RAILROADER PENSIONED.—James McHenry, 68, of 238 Oak street, has been placed on the retired list of the Reading company. He worked for the company for 48 years. He was conductor of the work train for 35 years.

FEDERAL GRANTS.—Borgetown this year has been granted Federal projects totaling \$429,000. These include sewers, a post office, new school buildings, etc.

ART CLUB.—Mrs. Silas Stahl was named president of the Sanatoga Home Art club at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Irvin Saylor. Mrs. Frank Seidts was elected vice president. Mrs. James Muller is secretary and treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HEAD.—Ernest H. Sands was elected superintendent of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, succeeding Irvin R. Pike.



## Hollywood

By EDITH GWYNN

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 30.—Rossano Brazzi, who is David Selznick's latest rave importation, has a pretty good "English teacher" by anyone's standards. Happens to be Ronald Colman, whom Brazzi met quite unexpectedly. . . . B. U. T. Brazzi has a bunch of Colman's phonograph records (after all, Ronnie has waxed countless dramatic discs) and he plays 'em over and over—night after night. Besides which, we have reason to believe that Colman spends many an hour coaching the Italian in person. . . .

Brazzi debuts in Hollywood movies for M.G.M. in the Ronald Colman role originally created by Paul Lukas in "Little Women." Mrs. Brazzi is known in Hollywood as "The Big Bra" (Earl Wilson please note). And when people point out cute little starlets to her at parties, reminding her ever so diplomatically that they weigh under 150 pounds, or that their hips measure a mere 30, etc., she always replies, "Yes—yes." They are light. And they are small. But I HAVE ROSSANO!"

HUMPHREY BOGART and Stuart Heisler who will direct Bogey's production, "Tokyo Joe" have been doing a survey of the local Nisei colony, seeking Jap actors they could talk into playing real baddies on the screen for their current picture. So far, they're getting nowhere fast. Betcha they wind up with the Chinese actors playing the more repulsive Japs — just like all producers did during the war—World War II, that is! . . . Sheila Stevens has been playing bit parts over at Warners for some time now. And that's the reason that very good singer of songs, one Gordon Mac Rae (already a star) keeps hanging around the sets there—even though he isn't working at the moment. Sheila just happens to be his very attractive wife. . . .

LLOYD NOLAN is a guy who really loves his golf. Who else would have played the whole course at the California Country club through the soup-fog of the past week? We know he did, because a couple of our chums were playing with him. And when we tell you Nolan used those caddies to help him locate lost balls (just in case)—believe us, it's no press-agent's dream!

THIS IS STRICTLY for laughs: According to the Hollywood Reporter's Production Encyclopedia (the Reporter is the leading trade journal of the movie industry) on page 821, alphabetically listed are the following moving picture titles in a sort of Kinsley-type roster: "Are All Men Alike?", "Are Children to Blame?", "Are Husbands Necessary?", "Are Parents People?", "Are These Our Children?", "Are These Our Parents?", "Are We Civilized?", "Are You a Failure?", "Are You a Mason?", "Are You Legally Married?", "Are You Listening?", "Are We All?" . . . All we can say as we faintly dead away is, "Well — ARE we?"

IT HAPPENED TODAY

New Year's Eve, last day of the year. In 1758, on Dec. 31, George Washington retired from the British colonial army at the age of 26, after five years' service, highly commended by his officers Lord Cornwallis, British general who surrendered Yorktown in the Revolutionary War, was born on Dec. 31, 1738.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Secretary of State George C. Marshall, Henri Matisse, French artist; Stanley Foreman Reed, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Arthur N. Banta, eminent seismologist, are today's birthday celebrities.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Eli.
2. A woman hater.
3. David Livingston.
4. James I., only son of Mary, Queen of Scots, and Henry Lord Darnley.

## Pottstown Sketches

By PHILLIPS



## The Farmer's Answer... Lots of New Years...

EXPERIENCE.—You've heard the story of the motorist who broke down, walked to the farmhouse and asked . . . Oh, yes, you have. But not this one about the six Pottstowners who got lost. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gates, all of Queen street, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kipper of South street, after viewing the Christmas Light in Bethlehem, were returning home. They became lost in a snow bank in a farmer's orchard. They had to arouse the farmer, who had to get his tractor out of the implement shed and place them back on the highway again. Then he gave them directions as to the best way to get to Pottstown. They arrived safely in Pottstown at 3 a. m. Monday.

FRIDAY FUN.—The customer finished his meal and called the waiter. "I would like to speak to the manager."

The manager arrived a few minutes later and bowed politely. "You wish to speak to me, sir?"

Diner: Yes, you must have a remarkably clean kitchen in this restaurant.

Manager: That is very nice of you to think that, sir. Generally it is complaints we have to listen to. But why do you ask?

Diner: Well, the reason in particular is because everything I have been served thus far tastes of soap.

TWO NEW YEARS.—With a little imagination—and a lot of stamma—you may have more than one New Year's celebration. All you have to do is switch from the Gregorian calendar to the Julian calendar and, presto! — another New Year's party January 14. If you're in the mood for a series of New Year parties, trade in your battered galoshes for a pair of seven-league boots and hop over to India, which has a corner on the New Year celebration market. The many religious groups in India each honor a different New Year's day. . . .

IF FOR SOME reason you aren't able to welcome in the new year, don't be discouraged, because January has all kinds of celebration possibilities. You might join the Southerners in celebrating the birthday of Robert E. Lee, January 19, or if you're an ex-Boy Scout, you could celebrate the founding of the first troop, January 24. In fact, with a tongue-in-the-cheek attitude, you could celebrate almost every day in January, because each day has a famous birthday or national event. Bobby Soxers, forced by parents to retire early on New Year's eve, could even the score by staging a slumber party—olde English style—January 20. The English gals believe that on the Eve of St. Agnes, January 20, they would see in their dreams the man they would marry. To induce such nocturnal visitations, they put pins in their dresses, and recited verses until they fell asleep. Another method of assuring dreams was to abstain from food all day, and eat a heavily salted egg before going to bed. . . .

SPEAKING of restaurants, as we just were a few paragraphs above, one of the column's reliable spies says this is true. He was grabbing a cuppa kawfee the other aym around 5 o'clock when another male client came in, chatted with the waitress, complained that it was unusually chilly that morning. He ate his breakfast and when he had finished, he reached for his wallet. "Gee whiz," he said to the waitress. "I forgot my pocket-book, guess I'll have to pay the next time I come in." As he got up from the table, the waitress noticed that the fellow's lower half was covered only by long underwear. He had forgotten to put his trousers on.

## YOUR HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

IT pays to be calm, for we now know that the emotions, such as fear, anxiety, and anger, all have an effect on the way in which the various parts of the body function, and these disturbances in function may cause troublesome symptoms. This is particularly true of the stomach.

Some very careful studies have been carried out by Drs. Wolf and Wolf, of New York. They used four persons who had what is known as a gastric fistula, that is, an opening from the stomach to the outside. They were able to look directly into the stomachs of these patients and note various changes in the lining membranes, as well as determining the amount of secretions formed.

They found that, as a result of emotional disturbances, the stomach may become overactive or underactive, and that the same person may show either type of change under varying circumstances. They also learned that these emotional upsets might cause a sufficient change in the action of the stomach to nullify or cancel out the effects the various foods had produced.

Overactivity of the stomach often was found to be associated with heartburn and pain in the abdomen of a gnawing nature. These pains were strongest during the periods when the stomach was emptied, and usually were relieved by taking food, milk, or an alkaline substance, such as baking soda.

Underactivity of the stomach was found when a feeling of fullness in the stomach or abdomen, or a feeling of sickness or nausea was present.

A person whose stomach is overactive has changes in the stomach which normally go with hunger, whether or not he has any appetite. When the stomach is overactive, it indicates that the person is preparing to fight his problems. When the stomach is underactive, it indicates that the individual is not meeting the challenge of his surroundings but is giving up to them. His nausea expresses his disgust for the situation in which he finds himself.

Persons who have such abdominal disturbances are in need of thorough study by the physician.



# Keim Elected to Office By Berks Magistrates

Earl H. Keim, Boyertown justice of the peace, was elected first vice president of the Berks County Magistrates association at a meeting in the county courthouse, Reading, Wednesday night.

Elected president of the group was A. B. Ebersole, West Reading.

During the session LeRoy Umbenhauer, of the Federal Internal Bureau, described methods of filing 1942 income tax returns.

# YOUTH ENLISTS

George H. Ellis, 18, Boyertown, enlisted in the United States Air Forces.

# Boyertown Classified

## Deaths

**SAVOS**—In Colerodale, on Monday, Dec. 27, 1942, Irving L. Savos, 38, 1942 Lantz St. (Hoffman), wife of the late Henry L. Savos, age 78 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from residence in Colerodale, Boyertown, on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 2 p. m. Further services in funeral home on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 2 p. m. (Schwenk)

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## Host of Boyertown Betrothals Announced To Add Color to Already Festive Season

Ample evidence of the abounding love that prevails during the Christmas season lies in the host of Boyertown betrothals which have been announced during the past week. Most of the announcements were made at private parties honoring the betrothed couples.

### Eddinger—Unger

On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Eddinger, Bally, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Eddinger, to John Unger Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Unger Sr., of Bechtelsville RD.

Miss Eddinger is employed at the Perfection Clothing factory, while Unger is employed at the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, Pottstown. Unger spent three years in the Engineer Corps of the Army as a Diesel engineer.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### Weinsteiger—Riegner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weinstein, Bechtelsville RD, recently announced the betrothal of their daughter, Gertrude, to Thomas Riegner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Riegner, Bally.

Both were graduated from Boyertown High school. The bride-to-be is employed at B. Mannon Clothing factory, Boyertown, and Riegner is connected with the C. H. Zern company, Gilbertsville.

The wedding date will be revealed in the near future.

### Biehl—Kaufman

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Biehl, Gilbertsville RD 1, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna, to Marshall Kaufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaufman, 251 Walnut street, Pottstown.

Miss Biehl, who was graduated from the Pottstown High school, is at present employed in the office of the De Sol Playing works, Pottstown. Kaufman is employed by the Murphy bus lines.

The wedding date will be revealed later.

### Rissell—Fink

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kieffelder, Englewood, announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane Russell, to Paul Fink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fink, of New Berlinville. The announcement was made on Christmas Day. The wedding date will be revealed in the near future.

### Fronheiser—Renninger

Mr. and Mrs. Russell C. Fronheiser, 346 South Reading avenue, announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna Mae to Leroy U. Renninger, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Renninger, Frederick, Pa.

Miss Fronheiser is a graduate of Boyertown High school, class of 1942, and is now employed at the Sheffield Hosiery mill, Gilbertsville. Renninger served three years in the U. S. Navy, two years of which were spent overseas, and is now employed at the Firestone plant, Pottstown.

No date has been sent for the wedding.

### Downer—Hallman

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Downer, 132 East Philadelphia avenue, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to William Hallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hallman, 317 East Third street.

Miss Downer, who was graduated from Boyertown High school, class of 1941, is at present employed at the Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc. Hallman also was graduated from the Boyertown High school, class of 1941, and is at present employed at the Eastern Foundry.

No wedding date was set.

### Oberholzer—Mento

On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Oberholzer, 121 North Chestnut street, Boyertown, announced the engagement of their daughter, Myrtle, to Peter W. Mento, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mento, of Philadelphia.

Miss Oberholzer is a graduate of the Boyertown High school class of 1941, and is at present employed at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia. Mento, who was graduated from St. Joseph's High school, class of 1940, and Villanova college, in 1942, served in the U. S. Navy for two years, part of the time in Hawaii. He is at present a part-time member of the faculty of Villanova, but

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## Boyertown Plans For Annual Derby Of Electric Trains

The eighth annual electric train race will be held in the Boyertown High school gymnasium on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p. m. It was announced this week by a spokesman for the Junior Hi-Y club, sponsoring agency for the event.

Entry cards have been distributed to the three borough schools. They were placed in the hands of teachers before the Christmas vacation because the event will be held earlier in January this year than usual. Closing date for entry is Friday, Jan. 7, at 3:30 p. m.

A train race committee headed by Paul Frey, club secretary, is now drawing up the rules and regulations. The committee has already announced that two divisions will again comprise the running of the event—a senior and a junior race.

All boys and girls of the area served by the Boyertown schools and the Boyertown and Vicinity YMCA movement, parent organization of the Junior Hi-Y club, are eligible to enroll; it was announced last night.

### THIS WILL BE

the eighth annual running of the electric train race. Started in 1942 under the sponsorship of Ivan D. Houch, who was then Central-East district executive of the State YMCA movement, the event has grown from a small gathering of model railroad enthusiasts in 1900 to a crowd of about 600 persons in the high school gymnasium.

No admission will be charged and the event is open to the general public from Boyertown and surrounding towns. The club will take a collection, proceeds of which will be used to purchase additional equipment for the train race and a portion of which will also be turned over to the high school bleacher fund.

Prizes will again be donated by the Boyertown and Vicinity YMCA movement. It was announced by Henry P. Garichner, district executive. Last year special prizes were also awarded by a South Reading avenue model railroad dealer.

The entry card which has been distributed makes provision for both two-rail and three-rail trains, it was pointed out.

### WATCH NIGHT SERVICES SET

Watch Night services will be conducted in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Evangelical and Reformed, tonight at 11 o'clock. The service is sponsored by the Youth Fellowship and is open to the public.

### WELFARE DIVISION TO MEET

The January meeting of the Welfare division of the Woman's club of Boyertown will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Clifford Levensgood, 235 East Philadelphia avenue.

### BANK OFFICIAL DIES

HONESDALE, Dec. 30 (P)—Lewis A. Howell, 74-year-old bank executive, died last night in Wayne General hospital.

his main occupation is at Mento's Products, Inc.

No wedding date was set.

### Hartenbauer—Sedlock

Mrs. Esther Hartenbauer, South Reading avenue, Boyertown, announced the engagement of her daughter, June, to Michael Sedlock, of Nanticoke, Pa., on Christmas eve.

Miss Hartenbauer, a graduate of Boyertown High school, class of 1945 and Pottstown Hospital School of Nursing, 1948, is employed as a supervisor in the Pottstown hospital. Mr. Sedlock attended schools in Nanticoke and is employed by the Bethlehem Steel company's Pottstown plant.

## Jewish Women Direct Traffic



Jewish women have taken over many of the duties of running Jerusalem as Israeli forces extend and strengthen their hold on Palestine. This smartly uniformed feminine policeman is directing traffic at an intersection in the Holy City, where sniping is reported to have started again in new Jewish-Arab flareup.

## Chester Man and Woman Parolee Who Was 'Bored' Found Dead in Mired Car Picked Up for Burglary

CHESTER, Dec. 30 (P)—A 36-year-old Chester man and his woman companion were found dead today in an automobile mired in a muddy ditch in Upper Chester township four miles southeast of here.

Police Chief William Russo of Upper Chester identified the couple as Robert Bernard and Margaret Foraker, 32, of Linwood, and said they apparently died of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

Patrick Root of Chester found the bodies in the car while enroute to work.

Chief Russo said the car apparently became full of exhaust fumes after the driver raced the motor in an effort to get back on the road.

## Parolee Who Was 'Bored' Picked Up for Burglary

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 30 (P)—Michael Battagliese, 27, who said he was "bored" since he was paroled from State prison the past month, was arrested today on a burglary charge.

Battagliese had served his original sentence on charges of committing 30 burglaries in Paterson. Police said he was picked up today for five new burglaries.

Battagliese told police he had no friends and nothing to keep him busy since his release from prison and took to burglary again to avoid boredom.

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DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 30 (P)—Motorcycle Sgt. E. H. Hayne of the Dayton police department found a new use for his two-way radio today.

The sergeant was pinned under his machine in a collision. Unable to get out from under, he put in a call for help.

Central police radio headquarters took it in stride. "Take it easy," said the operator to the spluttering Hayne. "We'll get you out."

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## Jap Propagandist Freed From Asylum

TOKYO, Dec. 30 (P)—Dr. Shumei Okawa, the man who slapped Tojo, was released from an insane asylum today. Thus he became the only top Japanese war trial defendant to go free.

Of the original 28 who went on trial, former Premier Hideki Tojo and six others were hanged one week ago; 16 are serving life imprisonment; two are serving shorter terms; and two died during the trial.

The tall gaunt Okawa gained notoriety shortly after the trial began in June, 1946, when he slapped Tojo's bald head, attempted to undress in court, and gizzled continuously and hysterically.

He had to be removed to an asylum, but remained on trial in absentia until April 9, 1947, when the 11-nation tribunal dismissed the indictment on the grounds that he was mentally incompetent.

Okawa, who was a top Japanese propagandist and empire extremist agitator in the 1930's, was held subject to further inquiry and possible prosecution at that time.

If you are caught in a thunder storm and cannot get into an automobile or safe building, experts say the best thing to do is to sit down or lie down to avoid being hit by lightning.

## Driver Injured Fatally In Automobile Collision

GETTYSBURG, Dec. 30 (P)—Newman A. Vosbury, 40, of Fayetteville, N. Y., was injured fatally today in a head-on automobile collision, Pennsylvania State police reports.

Corp. Jack Bartlett said Catherine Kehlholz of Taneytown, Md., was driving the other car. With Vosbury in his car were his wife and three children.

The accident happened between Gettysburg and Emmitsburg, Md., on a wet highway.

In Gettysburg hospital are one of Vosbury's children with a broken arm and Verle Schumaker of Leechburg, Pa., with a broken knee cap. Schumaker was riding with Miss Kehlholz.

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**Twin Boroughs Plan Big New Year's Eve**

A new reception will mark the dawn of a New Year at the Twin Boroughs tonight at the zero hour of 12 o'clock, when the departure of old 1948 and the arrival of the infant 1949 will be greeted with a bang.

Twelve of the homes, sounding of fire bells and factory whistles will denote the change over and the customary reception.

New Year's Eve parties also have been planned by Spring-Ford Country Club, Lehigh Fire company, Spring City, and the American-Italian Bocce club, Royersford.

Twelve of 200 are expected to attend the affair at the Country club which will begin at 10 o'clock tonight with a dance.

A floor show, buffet supper and dancing will be featured in the merry-making at Liberty Hall, Spring City, beginning at 10 o'clock.

A floor show, dancing and luncheon will be on the program at the American-Italian Bocce club, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

**DEATHS - FUNERALS**

**WILLIAM E. EASTON**, 80, of 525 CANTON STREET, ROYERSFORD, died yesterday morning at 5:15 o'clock in the Haven Nursing home, near Amherst. He had been in ill health since September.

Surviving are his wife, Georgiana, and a sister, Mrs. Clay Rogers, Kimberton. Funeral services and interment will be strictly private.

**Twin-Boro Classified**

- Deaths**
- BEAN** - In Pennsylvania hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1948, at the age of 78, Walter C. Bean, relative and friend of the late Mrs. W. C. Bean, died at 10:30 o'clock in the Pennsylvania hospital, 600 Washington St., Pottstown, Pa. He was a native of Pottstown, Pa., and was a member of the Pottstown Elks lodge.
- RAISTON** - On Thursday, Dec. 31, 1948, William E. Raiston, 80, of 525 Canton street, Royersford, died at 5:15 o'clock in the Haven nursing home, near Amherst. He had been in ill health since September.
- Strayed, Lost, Found**
- LOST** - Strayed from Pottstown, Pa., a black and white cat, 12 months old, with a white patch on its chest. If found, please call 1234 Main St., Pottstown, Pa. Phone 1234.
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**LOCAL CLUBS -**  
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the added attractions of noise-makers, fancy hats and other holiday paraphernalia.

There will be no entertainment charge at the Good Will Fire company at the Empire Hook and Ladder company or at the Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine company.

Every member entering the Goodwill fire hall tonight will receive a hat, horn, noisemaker, and "serpentine," a long paper streamer.

Ten p. m. until 2 a. m. are the hours here, as they are in most organizations where New Year's Eve plans are underway.

Three hundred persons are expected to pack the Goodwill hall, and full houses are looked for also at the Phillies' and Hookies' firehouses.

The Phillips party probably will be the largest of the evening. Country club members have made reservations. Here, 1949 will be ushered in on a strictly formal dress basis.

The "supper table" is \$5 a couple this year, the same as in 1947, or \$3.50 a person for singles.

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS** will adorn the club ballroom, and hats, noisemakers and horns will be furnished the club members and their out-of-town guests.

For each couple's six bucks, a supper is provided and the entertainment is considered on the house. Liquor is extra, however, and here as well as in other local clubs, the actual cost of making whoopee tonight is expected to rise in geometrical proportion to the lateness of the hour.

**Members of Pottstown Lodge 359, Loyal Order of the Moose**, floor show, favors, noisemakers and plenty of fun for the \$3 a couple they have to cough up. That's a dollar more than in 1947, but the increase has not cut into the number of persons who will clamor at the Moose doors tonight.

Moose officers said the Christmas tree still is in place and holiday trimmings will help light up the hall tonight.

Four hundred are expected at the Moose, all members. The practice of allowing guests was stopped after 1945, when the walls nearly cracked with the pressure of the mob.

**FOOD AND DRINKS** will be paid for as they are served. With a cover charge of \$3.80 a couple, 425 men and women will welcome in 1949 at Pottstown Lodge 814, B.P.O. Elks. The price includes lunch, hat, favors, noisemaker and chance to win one of the six substantial door prizes.

Members are allowed to bring one guest to the Elks home, where an orchestra will play until 3 a. m. Jan. 1, 1949.

Christmas decorations have been left in place at the Elks home for the New Year's Eve party. Members of Nest 1393, Order of Owls get a bargain this year by paying a relatively low \$1.20 a person for a floor show, dance, noisemaker and general New Year's Eve bedlam.

Three hundred persons are expected in the Owls' Nest, where dancing will go on from 10 p. m. until 2 a. m.

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**HOLDUP SUSPECT -**  
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Detweiler fled from the store, clutching the bottle of olives, but leaving his change behind. He was pursued seconds later by Trojanski, who lost him on State street between Third and Fourth streets.

Laughhead sold after the arrest that William Volz, the bartender at the Jefferson House cafe, failed to identify Detweiler as the youthful man who attempted to hold him up the past Monday night.

**THE IDENTITY** of the young housewife who solved the crime for the police was withheld when she declined to press charges against her amoy.

After reading The Mercury yesterday morning, she went to Laughhead and told him the description and differences between the time of the attempted holdup and the time of Detweiler's attempt to amoy her were too close to be coincidence. Her report started police to Detweiler's home.

Although Laughhead had promised the young woman he would not be disclosed to Detweiler, he summoned her to borough hall at 1:25 o'clock to make a personal identification. She had to walk into his office alone to face the youth, who only glared sullenly at her.

Later, it was learned, Mrs. Detweiler claimed the police arrested her son without a warrant. They charged her with the crime. The young woman wanted him arrested because he owed her money and attempted to molest her.

Detweiler was locked overnight in a borough hall cell. The name for a hearing before Justice or the Peace Raymond C. Kelley, of the Second ward, was left open pending further investigation or Detweiler by police.

**WORKER ELECTROCUTED**  
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30 (AP)—Coalminers Custer, 53, of Elizabethtown, Pa., was electrocuted today in the Clarion plant of Carnegie-Illinois steel corporation.

will welcome 350 men and women tonight, who have paid \$2 each, 50 cents above 1947's admission price.

For this, however, home association leaders have promised a larger orchestra, a more elaborate floor show and bigger and better novelties.

Food and drink, of course, are paid as consumed.

There will be no charge for the dancing, and the guests are limited to those holding membership in the organization.

Bars and hotels, too, look for to one of the biggest nights of the year tonight.

In a spirit of holiday generosity, the proprietors have joined in inviting all the good men and women of Pottstown—and for miles around, for that matter—to come and hold wassail tonight.

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**POLICE SHAKEUP -**  
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trembling, and already has started considerable "jockeying" for favored positions under the new setup.

According to left-heard rumors, Motor Patrolmen Lewis M. Borgiet and Stanley Berow are in line for posts that will have all-daytime working hours.

At present, Chief Laughhead is the only man who never works at night.

Both Borgiet and Berow are Democrats, as is the Burgess and the councilman majority.

**BURGESS GRIFFITH'S** announcement Wednesday that he will recommend creation of a full-time plainclothes post increased speculation among police that Borgiet and Berow may be in line for a daytime plainclothes job.

But the Burgess has declared that he does not favor giving any patrolman an immediate plainclothes assignment on a permanent basis.

Consideration of a switch to the one-man-per-car system was prompted by a recent ruling of Norristown's police department, the Burgess said.

In Norristown, patrol cars have been changed from two to one-man affairs with the exception of the street sergeant's car, which has a second man, to do the driving.

**THE BURGESS SAID** he will study the situation in Norristown before making any recommendation to the police committee of borough council.

He said that the one-man-per-car system would free more men for traffic duty, parking meter-checking, or investigation.

The Burgess expressed the opinion that if the patrolman in a car

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**MAN FINED -**  
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would shoot his tires if the car moved again.

Sgt. Daniel J. Linton and Motor Patrolman Lewis M. Borgiet, who were summoned from a police call box by Stetler, arrived, and the three policemen removed Kusps to borough hall.

Borgiet testified that Kusps refused at least four times to obey commands from Stetler to leave the car.

Kelley warned Kusps and six of his friends who witnessed the hearing that a recurrence of such trouble would bring a 30-day jail term for the offender.

**OIL PRODUCTION DIPS**  
BRADFORD, Dec. 30 (AP)—Combed production in the Bradford and Allegheny oil fields last week recorded a drop of more than 4000 barrels daily, the Bradford District, Pennsylvania Oil Producers association said today.

found a "tough" assignment, he could summon help by radio, and the other car could arrive in a matter of minutes.

Several patrolmen pointed out one error in the news story in Thursday's Mercury about the Burgess first two proposals.

In the story, it was reported there are no foot patrolmen on duty in Pottstown between 4 a. m. and 8 a. m.

There actually is one patrolman on regular foot patrol during those hours. He protects the four-block section along High street from York to Evans streets.

But the rest of the borough, including the business section from Evans street eastward, is left for four hours without any protection by a foot patrolman.

**DANCES -**  
(Continued From Page One)

Nagle and Barney Repko, helped decorate the auditorium.

Helping out as chaperones were Mrs. Harry W. Burdian, Miss Nancy Burdian, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin J. Maloney and Robert Meloy.

Cookies and ice cream were served at the YMCA holiday dance, as well as at Jive Junction, YWCA, where another 200 boys and girls of Junior High school age, danced to the accompaniment of Harold Smith and his orchestra.

**THE YWCA GYMNASIUM** was decorated with red and green crepe paper by Maria MacPhail, Doris Sowers, Phyllis McElroy and Marie Rubert.

A variety of dance contests held the spotlight at Jive Junction. In a Leap Year dance, the winner—the first girl to get her partner out on the floor—was Ann Rutter, who lassoed Donald Brown.

Spot dance winners were Georgeann Jacobs and Richard Heimbach, with second place winners Mary Heimbach and Pearl Eagle.

Finally, Mary Rubert and Dick Powell won the elimination dance. All winners last night received tickets to local motion picture houses.

Chaperones at Jive Junction were:

Miss Helen V. Purnell, Mrs. Alex V. Tisdale, Mrs. William Eagle, Dr. and Mrs. James A. Hallman, Kenneth Tyson and Miss A. Edna Hunt.

**ONE HUNDRED YOUNGSTERS** attended the holiday dance in Bethany Center from 8 to 11 p. m. where Lee Dearolf's orchestra held sway.

Dance contest winners were Paul Green and Juanita Marble, and Berwendolm Glenn and Wade Carter Jr.

Mrs. Margaret Ricketts, Mrs. Mary Banks and Mrs. Alice Carter were the judges.

Earlier last night 150 youngsters up to 12 years old had their own party in Bethany Center with Christmas carols, refreshments and an assortment of motion pictures to keep them happy.

The youngsters also entertained themselves. Winners for recitations were Dennis Morgan, Deanna Mauger, Frank Thomas, Roberta Ricketts, Beverly Thomas and Jackie Mauger, while prize-winning singers were Richard Corman and John Barber.

Santa Claus was on hand to pass out candy and toys to the children.

**RESCUE PLANE DUE**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Air Force said tonight that a C-54 transport plane carrying men rescued from the Greenland wreck is due at La Guardia field, New York, shortly before noon tomorrow, weather permitting.

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# Truman Named Man of 1948 In Newspaper Editors' Poll

President Harry S. Truman was the 1948 election by more than two million votes. With it he won the votes of Associated Press newspaper editors as the Man of 1948.

Choice of Mr. Truman for the No. 1 spot is described in the Jan. 3 issue of Time magazine. Time says: "His election was a personal victory for Truman without historical parallel. It was the victory of the 'underdog' over the 'establishment' and the story of his election was a story of the triumph of the common people over the political establishment."

"He has humbled the confident, humbled the savants and the politicians, and given a new lustre to the old-fashioned virtues of work and courage. The year 1948 was Harry Truman's year."

"HARRY TRUMAN began his year of 1948 as a sorely tested man. He was popular with almost nobody. The country grumbled at the GOP. 'Don't shoot the piano player,' they said. 'Let the best man win.' To err is human, I'm just mild about it. Harry Truman was even given a last chance by the nation's newspapers to win the election. He had only to have more time to show what he was made of."

"When, in a New York election, the Democrats were trounced by the Progressive Party's Leo Isaacson in Boss La Follette's own Bronx, panic swept the Democratic ranks. Political men began to desert the Truman ship. Through it all, the man from Missouri kept his own counsel, and laid his plans. When he was asked to withdraw, he retorted grimly: 'I was not brought up to run from a fight.'"

"When Harry Truman, brisk and smiling in a gleaming white linen suit, walked into the steamy Philadelphia convention hall, he faced a hostile, demoralized Democratic Party. The delegates had kept him waiting for four hours while the South staged a last fight against his nomination. Mississippi's and half of Alabama's delegation had walked out. It was 2 a. m. delegates were weary, ruffled and tired. Minutes later, the bedraggled delegates were on their feet, telling, applauding and cheering the man nobody had wanted. Harry Truman had won the 80th Congress to demand that they enact their own Republican platform."

"The call for the special session was a piece of political sharpshooting by which Harry Truman stood to benefit no matter what happened. To the hostile 'Turnip Day' session, he sent an 11-point program. Congress could not have passed it. It sat for a year. But politically, Harry Truman's point had been made. He had put the Republican Congress on the spot. When it adjourned (after 12 days), Harry Truman had a target of his own making."

"He set out to 'tell the people the facts. He was no orator. He stumbled over big words, made mistakes in grammar, got tangled up in his sentences. A man without nose or side, he was incapable of dramatizing an issue as Franklin Roosevelt had dramatized 'The Forgotten Man.' Cross of Gold.' Much of Truman's program was a grab bag of well-worn New Deal projects. His attacks on the 'gluttons of privilege' and 'Wall Street reactionaries' struck no chords. His irresponsible implication that a vote for Thomas Dewey was a vote for fascism horrified his soberer followers."

"But Harry Truman succeeded in humanizing himself; to millions of voters he seemed a simple, sincere man fighting against overwhelming odds—fighting a little recklessly perhaps, but always with courage and a high heart."

**DESIGNS POST**  
LANCASTER, Dec. 30 (AP)—Frank Suiter of Lancaster today resigned as a member of the board of directors of Armstrong Cork company. C. P. Hawker was elected to succeed him.



HARRY S. TRUMAN—Man of the Year.

## U. S. Officials Defend Allied Ruhr Control

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—State department officials today rebuked German leaders who have protested the new Allied plans for control of the Ruhr.

"They said the Western Powers' agreement for an International Ruhr authority is 'justifiably' strict in view of Germany's record of aggression. One official told a reporter, 'it should not be forgotten that the Germans themselves were responsible for two terrible wars within a generation.'"

The officials said, however, that the Ruhr control plan takes Germany's essential needs into account and offers the former enemy country a chance to improve its own welfare by co-operating with the rest of Europe for the common good. Summing up the American attitude, one official said "German reaction to the Ruhr agreement was so unexpected. It was not thought that the Germans would unreservedly welcome the agreement but it is hoped that they will understand the possibilities for an improvement in their own welfare through carrying it out."

**TREASURY BALANCE**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The position of the Treasury Dec. 28: Receipts \$99,202,930.08; expenditures \$172,157,406.82; balance \$4,114,890.575.83, total debt \$252,340,367,918.83, increase over previous day \$73,986,529.71.

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## Man Offers Citizenship To Stay With 'Girl I Love'

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 30 (AP)—An American merchant sailor offered today to trade his United States citizenship for love.

James McLoey, 49, Oakland, Calif., told U. S. military government officials in Bremerhaven he wanted to renounce his citizenship so he can stay in Germany with "the girl I love."

A military government announcement said McLoey faces trial next Monday for staying illegally in Germany after his ship had sailed back to America.

At his request, however, prison officials have arranged a conference for him with the American consul in Bremerhaven to discuss giving up his citizenship.

## Reds Say All Troops Withdrawn From North Korea Zone

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 31 (P)—Russia announced tonight the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Northern Korea.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said in a Moscow radio broadcast: "Tass is empowered to state that in accordance with the decision of the council of foreign ministers evacuation of Soviet troops from Northern Korea was completed on Dec. 25."

The U. S. Army announced in Washington Tuesday that portions of the American security forces in Southern Korea, including the Seventh division, were being withdrawn for regrouping in Japan.

Since the war the Soviet Union has occupied that portion of Korea north of the 38th parallel. The United States has occupied that part south of the same parallel.

Separate governments were set up in those two territories. The Communist-led government in the north was recognized by the Soviet Union and her satellites. The southern government was recognized provisionally by the United States and China.

The United Nations has recognized Southern Korea as the only official government on the peninsula. A U. N. commission will go to Korea about mid-January to explore ways to unite the country under a single government.

**WAR DEAD ARRIVE**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Army transport Barney Kirschbaum docked today with 4390 war dead from Northern Europe.

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## Truman's Re-election Voted Top Story Of 1948; Battle of Berlin Rated Second

By PAUL R. MICKELSON  
(General News Editor of The Associated Press)

Seven out of the 'ten biggest headlines' of 1948 concerned foreign news but the one that topped them all was the classic American story of the man from Missouri who upset every prediction to hold on to the biggest job in the world.

Harry S. Truman's mother said he always ploughed a straight furrow as a country lad, and the one he ploughed straight into the hearts of millions by his winning fight for re-election to the presidency of the United States never will be forgotten in American politics. For human interest in this nation's publications, you can't beat the story of the underdog who won out against terrific odds.

President Truman's victory was just that kind of a triumph, as close as it was, and editors of Associated Press newspapers voted overwhelmingly for it as story No. 1 in the annual poll.

As he fought and won re-election, carrying with him workable majorities for the Democratic party in both branches of Congress, President Truman wrote the political miracle of the century.

**THE EDITORS VOTED** the "Battle of Berlin" the second biggest story of the year. There were millions of underdogs in Berlin, too, but there was no victory. The defeated city of 3,000,000 was a symbolic prize in the cold war between Russia and the Western Allies.

Caught in the middle of the East-West fight over the standard of money to be used, the rubble heap city was staggered in June when the Russians imposed the excruciating blockade of Berlin.

Unwilling to push armed convoys or supplies across the Soviet line, the Western Allies took to the air. The famous corridor airport was born.

**WINNING THIRD** place in the poll of the big newspaper stories of 1948 was the birth of a nation.

Clearly victorious in bitter fighting and slipping that saw Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations peace envoy to Palestine, fall to assassins, the state of Israel was born in a proclamation of independence. It was the first Hebrew nation in 2000 years.

A little, brown man entered his prayer meeting grounds in India, looked at his watch and said, "Today I am unusually late."

He raised one hand to give the man a blessing when the assassin began to snort. Three shots rang out. One punctured his chest. The other two found his heart. Death came quickly. The emanated body of Mohandas Gandhi, apostle of non-violence and peace to India's millions, less than a year after he had achieved his life's main goal of India's independence.

It happened Jan. 30 and the story of the tragedy was voted the fourth biggest story of the year.

The American dollar also fought along the cold war front in 1948 and fought what appeared to be in the closing months of the year an all-out battle. The Marshall plan was a convincing story that won many headlines and many Russian curses. It was a clear winner of the fifth spot in the year's best news stories.

**THE CONTINUING** story listed in sixth place in 1948 was the top subject of headline writers in 1947. It was the cost of living and inflation. This year, however, news gets a little quickly in America. High costs were "old stuff" comparatively, so the champ headline winner of a year ago fell far behind in the shuffle for news.

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The story was voted the seventh biggest of the year. History may make it the biggest. For real drama nothing touched the one that was billed out of New York on Aug. 29, when Mrs. O. J. Simpson was shot. The story was carried on the front page of the New York Times and the Washington Post. The story was carried on the front page of the New York Times and the Washington Post. The story was carried on the front page of the New York Times and the Washington Post.

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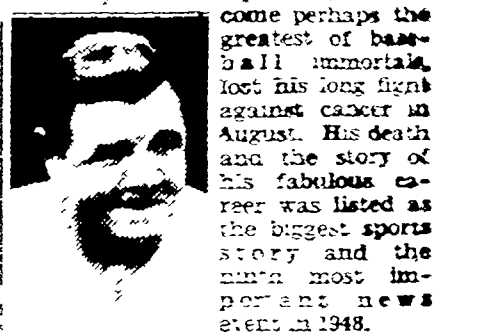
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Babe Ruth, who rose from the obscurity of an orphanage to become perhaps the greatest baseball immortal, lost his long fight against cancer in August. His death and the story of his fabulous career was listed as the biggest sports story and the most important news event of 1948.

The famous "sneaky" was in and out of the year's headlines but when Whitaker Chambers, senior Time Magazine editor, led investigators to a field, posed out a pumpkin and showed the camera's roll of micro-film which held State Department secrets of a century ago—the story was emphasized over the earth. The development gave the House un-American committee a shot-in-the arm in its not and cold investigation.

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# Director of Music Entertains Choir With Turkey Dinner

Miss Iva A. Spacht, director of music in Emmanuel Lutheran church entertained the Senior choir and members of the music committee at a turkey dinner at the Clover Leaf restaurant Wednesday night.

Decorations were in the form of evergreens and candles with red and white as the color scheme. Miss Spacht served as toastmaster with short talks by Mr. William A. Shaner, chairman of the music committee; Mr. Parker Grow and Mr. Irvin W. Reigner.

Greetings were extended by the Rev. and Mrs. Luther A. Krouse, pastor; Mr. Woodrow D. Bickel, president of the Senior choir; and Miss Laura DeVries, secretary.

Games were played and gifts exchanged. Carols were sung with Mrs. Edna Miller accompanying at the piano. The group also heard recordings of the Christmas musical service presented the past Sunday by the combined choirs of the church.

# Future Bride

The engagement of Miss Gertrude Weinsticker (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weinsticker, Bechtelsville RD., to Mr. Titus Reigner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Reigner, Bally, was recently announced by her parents.

# ATTENDING WERE:

Miss Mary Alice Moser, Mrs. Mable Schroeder, Mrs. Alice Edna Reigner, Mrs. Edna Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Huppel, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Moser, Miss Susan Kuechler, Miss Margaret Leffel, Miss Martha Kauchler and Mr. Woodrow Bickel.

Miss Hazel Sotter, Mr. Alton Peterman, Mr. Donald Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Schutt, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fillman, Mrs. Pearl Reese, Mrs. Edgar Van Buskirk, Miss Laura DeVries, Mrs. Martha Wolfe, Miss Elsie Lafferty, Mrs. Edna Schaeffer, Miss Freda Goss and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Postlewaite.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schwenk, Miss Clara Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holt, Miss Geraldine Stricker, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Strohl, Miss Beverly Peterman, Mr. Samuel Krouse, Miss Spacht, Rev. and Mrs. Krouse, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Shaner, Mr. Grow and Mr. Irvin Reigner.

# VFW Auxiliary Enjoys Banquet at Restaurant

Red and green candles nestled in Christmas greens and highlighted by poinsettia plants were the decorations of the attractively-appointed tables from which members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary were served their Christmas banquet last night.

The affair was held in the Clover Leaf restaurant with Mrs. Sarah Vanish chairman in charge. She was assisted with the arrangements by Mrs. Ann Cronin and Mrs. Bertha Mort.

Following the dinner, games were played with prizes awarded. Gifts were exchanged and later carols sung with Mrs. Bertha Gilbert at the piano.

Those attending were: Mrs. Violet March, Mrs. Olivia Fredman, Miss Helen Gotschal, Mrs. Harriet Deck, Mrs. Harriet Kalls, Mrs. Helen Rayson, Mrs. Kathryn Wolfe, Mrs. Catherine Ellder and Mrs. Maude Williams.

Also Mrs. Mort, Mrs. Helen Hohl, Mrs. Vanish, Mrs. Lulu McAllister, Mrs. Cronin, Mrs. Elsie Coles, Mrs. Emma Faust, Mrs. Jessie Clouser, Mrs. Catherine Rightmeyer, Mrs. Catherine Ollinger and Mrs. Ruth Ulrich.

Also Mrs. Bertha Gilbert, Mrs. Mabel Bowers, Mrs. Gladys Amway, Mrs. Valeria Sackwitz, Mrs. Mary Maimone, and Mrs. Anna Argue.

The regular meeting of the group will be held on Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the post home.

# John Bastian to Wed Geraldine M. Wanish

Miss Geraldine M. Wanish will become the bride tomorrow of Mr. John N. Bastian at 429 High street. She is a daughter of Mrs. Carrie E. Wanish, 893 Queen street.

The nuptial rites will be performed in the sanctuary of St. Aloysius Catholic church with the Rev. Joan Campbell, assistant rector, officiating.

Mrs. Pearl Grimm will attend as matron of honor and Mr. Francis Bastian will perform the duties of best man.

A reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Grimm Jr. 1121 Sembling avenue.

# Eight Engagements Revealed by Parents In Pottstown Area

Eight additional engagements were announced last night by parents of daughters in the Pottstown area. Most of the troths had been revealed over the Christmas holiday.

**Hutchinson-Hinkle**  
At a traditional Christmas dinner, the engagement of Miss Ruth M. Hutchinson to Mr. Norman G. Hinkle was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hutchinson, 327 Glasgow street, Stowe. Mr. Hinkle is a son of Mrs. Miriam Hinkle of Stony Creek Mills.

Miss Hutchinson was graduated from Pottstown High school with the class of 1945 and the Reading Hospital School of Nurse's training, 1948. She is now employed at Memorial hospital.

Mr. Hinkle was graduated from Mr. Penn High school and the Bliss Electrical school in Washington, D. C. He is now residing in Evansford, N. J. and is employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph company. He served for three years with the Army Signal corps.

**Rutkowski-Reed**  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rutkowski, 1226 Cherry street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Earl J. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reed, Sanatoga.

Miss Rutkowski was graduated from Pottstown High school and is employed with the Pottstown Knitting mills. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of the same high school with the class of 1944 and after serving for two years with the army is employed with the Spicer Manufacturing company.

**Renninger-Houck**  
The engagement of Miss Beulah Renninger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Renninger, Perkomenville RD. 1, to Mr. Harold Houck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Houck, Boyertown RD. 1, was announced by her parents over the Yuletide season, at a dinner at the home of the Houcks.

Miss Renninger is employed at the United Underwear mills in Boyertown, while Mr. Houck is an employee of the Boyertown Auto Body Works.

The wedding date will be revealed in the near future.

**Moser-Butler**  
Mrs. Ruth M. Moser of Schwenkville RD., announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Jean Beatrice Moser to Mr. Samuel Norman Butler during the holiday season.

Mr. Butler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butler, Norristown. The wedding date will be revealed later.

**Haldeman-Hague**  
The acceptance of a ring from her beloved by Miss Doris Haldeman, Ludwigs Corner, was announced last night by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stager Haldeman.

She received the taken of betrothal from Mr. Medford Hague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hague, of West Chester RD.

Miss Haldeman is a graduate of Spring City High school and is employed in the office of A. C. Roberts.

# YOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

**TODAY'S HOROSCOPE**  
THIS SHOULD be a very happy new year for you in the year just commencing, your affairs should prosper. Be tolerant and sympathetic and cultivate optimism and gentility. While the child born today may possibly be inclined to dependency on occasion and have a quick temper, early training will help him or her to adjust to circumstances and not take too serious a view of life.

**Today**  
Alan Botto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Botto, 915 Queen street.

Frederick Henly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin W. Henly, Gilbertsville RD. 1.

Peggy Schaeffer, daughter of Mr. Floyd Schaeffer, Pine Forge.

Robert E. Weidensaul, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Weidensaul, Hanover Heights.

Gloria Helen Buchanan, 63 North Charlotte street.

Janet Levan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levan, Pottstown RD. 3.

Pay Gennaria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gennaria, Pottstown RD. 4.

Mary Ellen Roberts, New Berlinville.

**Yesterday**  
Richard F. Fran, 553 Vine street, Stowe.

Donald E. Allen, 23 Winding road, 21 years.

Gloria Wagg, 828 Glasgow street, Stowe.

Robert Kulp, 603 Water street.

Peggy Schaeffer, 467 North Charlotte street, aged 17 years.

Sauie squares of veal steak, pounded until very thin, in a little butter or margarine. Season, add a small amount of stock, cover skillet and cook gently until tender. Serve over wide, cooked noodles and garnish with parsley.

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# Pvt. Earl Detwiler Weds Evansville, Ind., Girl

The recent marriage of Miss Helen Estes and Pvt. Earl R. Detwiler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Detwiler, Perkomenville RD. 1, was announced Wednesday night by the bride's mother, Mrs. Helen Estes, Evansville, Ind.

Pvt. and Mrs. Detwiler were united by marriage in Morganfield, Ky., in the parsonage of the Rev. R. Ernest Miller, a Baptist minister.

The newlyweds are honeymooning at the home of the bridegroom's parents, and will reside at Camp Kilmore, N. J., where Private Detwiler is stationed.

Mrs. Detwiler was graduated from Evansville High school while her husband was graduated from the Pottstown Senior High school with the class of 1946.

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# Missionary Circle To Review Books at Study Group Session

Books on missions will be reviewed at a mission study group session to be held the fourth Tuesday in February of the Ruth Koppel church. This was announced at a recent meeting of the circle at the home of Mrs. Ruth Brintons, Douglassville. Miss Elizabeth Marquet, president, presided.

The members of the Senior Missionary society of the church are invited to attend this session.

It was decided to send money to the Children's bureau in Philadelphia and to the Inter-Denominational group, also of Philadelphia.

ON MARCH 22, an executive meeting of the circle will be held at the church and a box luncheon will be featured. Mrs. Corinne Gehl was welcomed into the group.

A Christmas letter, from Ruth Koppel, missionary to Africa, was read. The letter told how Christmas was celebrated in Africa. Devotions were led by Mrs. Doris Allen.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 25 at the home of Mrs. Louis Kummerer, 838 Walnut street. Co-hostesses will be Miss Patricia Tyson and Miss Eleanor Rashid.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostesses, Miss Edna Fillman and Miss Kummerer.

Officers present were: Mrs. Jane Drumheller, Miss Gloria Wright, Mrs. Ruth Mawer, Mrs. Betty Pfenberger, Mrs. Martina Fitch, Miss Doris Roberts, Mrs. Margaret Bick and Mrs. Elaine Richards.

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## Margaret C. Smith Selected as Tops For Women of 1949

By The Associated Press

Typically American, with a tart Yankee humor and a stout fighting heart, Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, first woman to win an initial election to the U. S. Senate strictly on her own merit, has been voted the woman of the year by editors of Associated Press newspapers.

Campaigning against what appeared to be overwhelming odds, capable, smiling Mrs. Smith, who once worked in a ten-cent store, rolled up a popular vote which was more than that of her three male opponents combined.

Among other women outstanding in their fields for 1948 are a number of new faces and several familiar to the yearly lists of the dicitary Who's Who.

Dr. Helen Brooke Taussig, associate professor of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and noted heart surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital, was voted the year's outstanding woman of science because of her sensational work in "blue baby" operations.

In the field of business, the vote went to Vivien Kellems, the Connecticut cable grip tycoon, who has made the headlines regularly during the year by talking back to the U. S. government's income tax dignitaries.

Loretta Young won the crown as movie queen of the year, as Academy Award winner for her performance in "The Farmer's Daughter."

Jane Froman was named first lady of radio, because of her gallant comeback as a major star of the air after her tragic accident near Lisbon in 1943, when she was almost killed in a plane crash as she was flying to Europe to entertain servicemen. It took 25 operations and 5 years to restore a fractured leg, crushed ankle and arm, broken ribs and dislocated back and put her on her own two feet again.

Outstanding in the field of education was Mabel Studebaker, biology teacher at Strong-Vincent High school in Erie, Pa., who was elected president of the National Education Association.

Voted outstanding in the field of sports for 1948 was Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, of Holland, who made history by winning four gold medals for track events in the Olympic games. A housewife and mother of two children, Mrs. Koen amazed the sports world with her sensational performance.

In the field of literature, Betty Smith, raconteur of Brooklyn, scored again with her new novel, "Tomorrow Will Be Better," based on the same pattern as her earlier success, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

Beauty honors of the year went to Beatrice Shopp, of Hopkins, Minn., chosen Miss America for 1949. Stage honors went to Tallulah Bankhead, long one of the great ladies of the American theater.

Laurels for public service were voted again to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, for her work with the United Nations.

## Women Who Do Things



RADIO  
Jane Froman



EDUCATION  
Mabel Studebaker



SPORTS  
Fanny Blankers-Koen



BUSINESS  
Vivien Kellems



WOMAN OF THE YEAR  
Margaret Chase Smith



PUBLIC SERVICE  
Eleanor Roosevelt



BEAUTY  
Beatrice Shopp



MOVIES  
Loretta Young



SCIENCE  
Dr. Helen Taussig



LITERATURE  
Betty Smith

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## HOSPITALS

### POTTSTOWN

Admitted: Mrs. Evelyn Heimbach, Pottstown RD 3, maternity; Gertrude Grace, Hilldale, surgical; Guy Embrey, 479 Spruce street, medical; Stephen Torak, Sr., South Pottstown, medical; M. Alice Young, 129 Walnut street, medical.

Discharged: Mary Louise Loker, Boyertown, surgical; Mrs. Gladys Eisenmenger, 132 King street, surgical.

### MEMORIAL

Admitted: Mrs. Elizabeth Colgan, Stowe, maternity; Mrs. Dorothy McAllister, Pottstown RD 4, maternity; Mrs. Violet Dornin, 320 Spruce street, maternity; Mrs. Sara E. Hacker, Spring City, maternity; Patricia Gephart, Pottstown RD 4, medical; Robert Adams, Reading, surgical; Mrs. Erma Moser, Birdsboro, maternity; Harvey A. Bickel, Douglassville, surgical; Samuel G. Spotts, Douglassville, medical.

Discharged: Mrs. Angeline McKissic, Stowe, maternity; Mrs. Grace Masleh, Penn Village, maternity; Mrs. Rita Hoff, Lanthier, Pottstown RD 4, maternity; Mrs. Margaret Donahue, Elverson, maternity; Mrs. Marie Spielman, Pottstown RD 3, surgical; Mrs. Nellie Staub, Collegeville, surgical; Jervyn Middlecamp, 216 South Hanover street, surgical; Ronald Boyer, Pottstown RD 4, surgical.

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## Christmas Program Held by Members of Housewives League

A Christmas program and business meeting was conducted yesterday afternoon by the members of the West-Vincent Housewives League at the home of Mrs. Harold Lumis, Birdsboro.

Mrs. Ray Loomis, president, opened the meeting and Dr. Catherine Bishop, the chaplain, led in the devotions. Group singing of carols was led by Mrs. Luther Kulp, the program chairman.

During the business meeting, Miss Dora Warner, the community nurse, thanked the members for their contribution of 30 stuffed toys for children at Christmas.

Plans for a sewing meeting at 10 o'clock on Jan. 29 at the home of Mrs. William Danner, Pottstown, were made. The meeting will last all day and members were asked to bring a box lunch.

MISS PEGGY ANN Kulp played a selection on the piano. Mrs. Harold Lumis gave a reading, and two recitations were given by Barbara Garvine and Linda Lumis. Mrs. Kulp conducted a quiz program.

After the roll call, secret pals for 1948 were revealed and gifts were exchanged. New secret pals were then chosen.

Others present were: Miss Irma Kachel, Miss Marie Fritz, Mrs. Karl Garvine, Mrs. Frank West, Mrs. Daniel Halteman, Mrs. Wilson Webster, Mrs. Davis Loomis, Mrs. Lesley Phillips, Mrs. Charles Kulp, Mrs. D. C. Knauer and Mrs. James Strickland.

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## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Moser, 36, Birdsboro, announce the birth of a son yesterday in Memorial hospital.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Hadden, Spring City, in Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Colgan, Stowe, became the parents of a son yesterday in Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Max L. McAllister, Pottstown RD 4, are today congratulated on the birth of a daughter yesterday in Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dornin, 529 Spruce street, announce the birth of a son yesterday in Memorial hospital.

Yesterday a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heimbach, Pottstown RD 3, in Pottstown hospital.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Guben, Lanthier, on Wednesday in Pottstown hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lady Fahn, Pottstown RD 3, announce the recent birth of a daughter in their home.

A quarter pound of grated soft yellow cheese may be added to two cups of medium white sauce. Stir the sauce over low heat until the cheese is melted, then use as a dressing for vegetables.

**DANCE AT  
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New Year's Eve, Dec. 31  
**JOHNNY LONG**  
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Noon and Night Sessions  
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Admission \$2.00 Plus Tax  
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## PERSONALS

Mrs. Mary Haldeman, Pottstown RD 2, is confined to the University of Pennsylvania hospital for an undetermined length of time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pennington, West High street, will leave today for an extended trip through Florida. On the trip South they will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Warner, Chambersville, S. C., former residents of Stowe.

Mrs. Hannah Schoettle, Boyertown RD 2, will leave tomorrow by plane to spend the New Year weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Shontz, in St. Paul, Minn.

Ralph Stuart Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart, 451 Lincoln avenue, is spending the holidays with his parents. He is on a short vacation after completing his basic training.

## WEDDING

### ANNIVERSARIES

Today  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Potts, 625 Birch street, 24th years.  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pecht, 240 Lincoln avenue, 12 years.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwenker, 770 Queen street, 24 years.  
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wachenburg, Schwenksville RD 1, two years.  
with the later Alphonse Shuman at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.  
Miss Grace McGurney, instructor in Beaver Falls Junior High school, will return to her work today after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. L. A. Moore, 11 East Park street, and Mrs. H. A. McDermott, 1102 Queen street.

## BIBLE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 1949

IN:

Trinity Reformed Church  
KING and HANOVER STS.

Auspices of Bible Truth Hall—Pottstown

Meetings 10:30 A. M., 2:30 P. M. & 7:00 P. M.

SPEAKERS:

Mr. HAROLD HARPER, Wheaton, Ill.  
Mr. ED. HARLOW, Emaus Bible School, Toronto, Canada  
Mr. INGELIS FLEMMING, Plainfield, N. J.  
Mr. ED. THARP, Missionary from China

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WISHES YOU

A VERY

HAPPY

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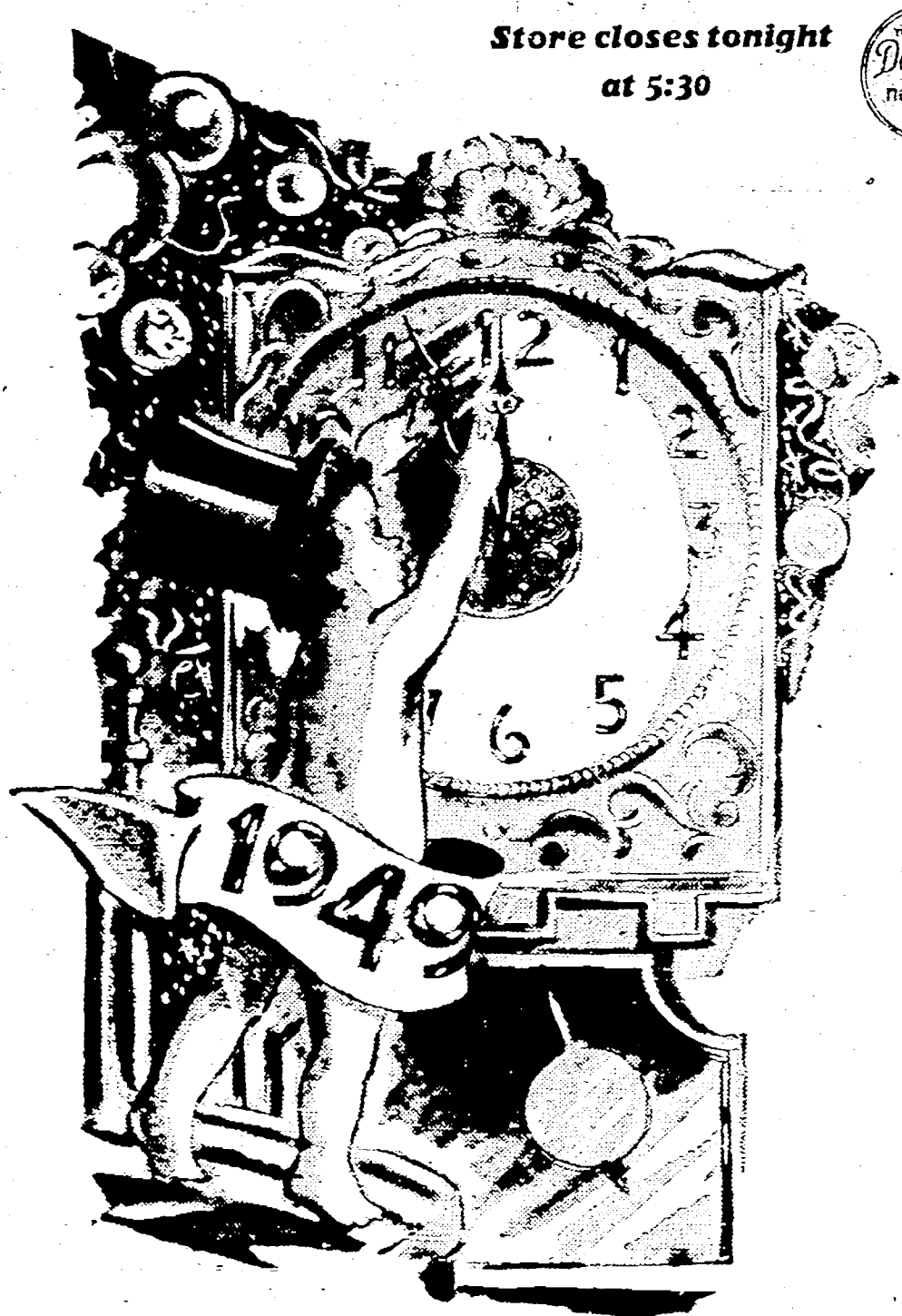
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## MORNING

Hour	KW	WFOA	WFL	WIP
6:30	News: Salute	Jameson	Farmer Jones	Dawn Patrol
7:00	Weather: Musical Clock	Jameson	Farmer Jones	Dawn Patrol
7:30	News: Musical Clock	Jameson	Farmer Jones	Dawn Patrol
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## AFTERNOON

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## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ARTHUR DRAGON, of Boston's Old Corner Book Store, was a friendly young cuss when he came down from Northampton, unused to the formal and rigid behavior of Beacon Street Brahmins. On one of his first rides in a Boston trolley car ("I think," he says, "it was in 1873"), he turned cheerfully to the stranger seated beside him and said, "My name is Dragon." The stranger regarded him oddly and answered, "Mine is not."

The most dejected looking beggar in the world accosted Aviatrix Jacqueline Cochrane in Palm Springs one day, and whined "Could you spare me a quarter, lady, so's I can go where my family is?" Miss Cochrane was suspicious but unable to resist the woebegone look in his eye. "Here's TWO quarters," she said. "Where is your family?"

The beggar, miraculously revived, told her, "At the movies."

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## JUST FOLKS



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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gerhard and son, Palm; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rapp, Philadelphia; and Mr. and Mrs. George Hart, Ploufstown, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rapp Sr. over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Macken, Philadelphia, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Macken.

Clarence Cope is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. George Baghurst, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs.

## Harvey Slonaker, Woodbury, N. J.

Mrs. John Kershaw and children, Wilmington, Del., are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. George Baghurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fry, Shamokin, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Heath recently. Mr. and Mrs. John Fry accompanied their son on his trip home where they expect to spend about a week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Huber and sons, of East Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. William Croutham and children, Souderton, and Mrs. Alberta Lohr, Philadelphia, were entertained recently by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walters.

Miss May Shipland, Scranton, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Guyes Harpel.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Radlach, Philadelphia, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Radlach recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Gerhart, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Geger, all of Woxall, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kulp, Perkaste, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gerhard during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lake visited their infant son at the Hasbrouck hospital, where he is hospitalized until he reaches the proper weight.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Groff and daughter Patty, of Sellersville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meyer recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. Monford Landis and Mrs. Katie Landis and son, Liord, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Huber recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hackett, Philadelphia, spent the weekend with Mrs. Katie Landis and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lawrence and children spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brinkman in Philadelphia.

## British Isles Swept By Heavy Snowstorm

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Winter's heaviest snows, whipped along by gales and mixed with occasional rain, fell in much of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland today.

The fall ranged up to six inches in parts of Wales and North England.

In Birmingham an inch and a half rain fell in nine hours. Police and firemen had to rescue 30 children from a day nursery cut off by flood water.

Many ships stood out to sea rather than attempt to dock along the wind-lashed English coast.

## IT'S QUEER BUT TRUE



THE U.S. BOYS 90 PER CENT OF THE SWELLISH PRODUCED IN CANADIAN MARINE PROVINCES.

WHEN A LONG BOY GOES COURTING HIS HAIR IS BLEACHED AND DEKINKED BY RUBBING SOAP INTO IT. HIS VANTY CASE IS A MIRROR (AFRICA).

HOW HAS THE DIET OF MENUS BEEN DESCRIBED? A LITTLE FOOD MIXED WITH PEPPER AND SPICES.

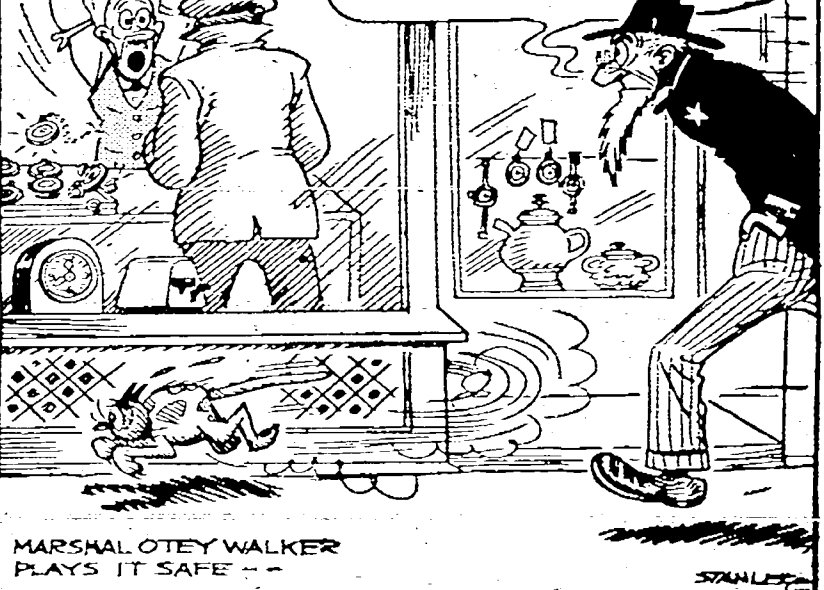
ROOM and BOARD by GENE AHEARN



A CHECK FROM MR. THREE MADE OUT TO ME FOR \$300

THIS INCLUDES THE HUNDRED I INVESTED AND A \$200 SPLIT OF THE PROFIT HE GOT FROM SELLING HIS FORMULA FOR THAT NEW CAR PERLUKE WHEW-OO... WONDER IF THE CHECK IS GOOD!

THE OLD HOME TOWN by STANLEY

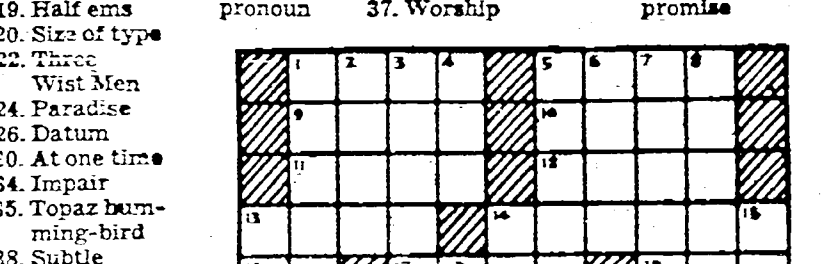


SAM WAVES HIS ARMS SO MUCH I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE'S OPENING A SALE, CLOSING A DEAL OR IT'S A PLAIN HOLDUP— I BETTER SAUNTER AROUND THE BLOCK AND COME BACK.

MARSHAL OTEY WALKER PLAYS IT SAFE

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
1. Throw
  2. Title of King of Persia
  3. Vedic god of altar fire
  4. Wan
  5. Coin
  6. (Persia)
  7. Preparatory (abbr.)
  8. Furnished with salt
  9. Sloth
  10. Observed
  11. Half ems
  12. Size of type
  13. Three
  14. Vist Men
  15. Paradise
  16. Datum
  17. At one time
  18. Impair
  19. Topaz burning-mir-bing
  20. Subtle emanation
  21. Radium (sym.)
  22. Ache's morsel
  23. Fall
  24. An ember
  25. Small bottle
  26. Scottish-Gaelic
  27. Monster (myth.)
  28. Plant ovule
  29. Obnoxious plant



DOWN

1. Conveyed
2. Chills and fever
3. Clips
4. Suddenly
5. Metal
6. Leaped to one's feet
7. A salutation
8. Vined Christmas
9. Book name
10. Book
11. Division
12. Body of water
13. Dysprosium (sym.)
14. Type measure
15. Personal pronoun
16. Slice
17. Erbium (sym.)
18. Close to
19. Moral faults
20. Solemn promise
21. Whether
22. Negative reply
23. Part of "to be"
24. Sang Christmas
25. Songs
26. Secured, as with nails
27. Erubium (sym.)
28. Close to
29. Moral faults
30. Solemn promise

Yesterday's Answer

39. River, NE Italy
42. Foundation
44. Infrequent
46. Solemn promise

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

ANYDLBAAXE IS LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

DHEA LHVJK BHKK GJVKBAL GJKWGCNE DWXA CHXAK HEKADR PGE HK JWE PWGCNE-DWJCRADDWF

Yesterday's Cryptogram: OF MANNERS GENTLE, OF AFFECTIONS MILD; IN WIT, A MAN; SIMPLICITY, A CHILD —POPE

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DID YOU GET YOUR REPORT CARD TODAY? YEAH!

HAVE YOU GIVEN IT TO GRANDPA YET? NO, I JUST LEFT IT ON THE FRONT HALL TABLE!

SKEETER!! OH-OH!

...HE'S FOUND IT!!

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT CARVING INSIDE THE STONE IMAGE, BOB?

IT GIVES ME A HEADACHE—JUS' LIKE GEOMETRY DID, BACK IN OL' OWENSBORO HI!

ALL THOSE POINTS AND ANGLES REMIND ME OF THESE TERRIBLE THORNS!

THAT'S IT, APRIL! THORN! A DIAGRAM OF TOP'S SE-CRET ROUTE WHEN HE VISITS THE PROPHET OF THORN! NOW TO FIGURE IT OUT!

JUNIE'S ACTING IS TONELESS, UNSTEADY! I DON'T THINK SHE FEELS THE PART, MRS. DAY!

BUT SHE'S YOUNG—TEEN AGE! THE STORY WAS WRITTEN FOR HER!

JUNIE'S BEEN WORKING HARD FOR YEARS—TOO BUSY FOR DATES AND BOYS, LIKE OTHER GIRLS.

WELL, WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST, MRS. TODD?

I THINK IF SHE WERE ALLOWED TO GET OUT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE HER OWN AGE, SHE'D GET THE SPIRIT OF THE PART, BETTER NOW THERE'S A DANCE!

IF THERE'S ANY MONEY HERE AT ALL, IT WILL BE IN THIS OLD BOX.

PUT IT OVER HERE WHERE WE CAN OPEN IT!

WAIT, DAD, WAIT! VOICES! HEAR THAT?

RED AND HIS FRIEND! THEY'VE LOCATED US!

HEAVE, STUB, HEAVE!

ONCE MORE TOGETHER! SHE'S MOVIN'!

WHAR IS IT, FALDYROY? WHAR IS IT?

WELL, SIR—I-UH—GULP!!

IT'S LIKE THIS, MR. TYLER—UH—

HOLD ON, THAR!! WAIT!! I SHUCK OFF THESE STORE-BOUGHTEN DUDS

NOW I'M ALL SOT, FALDYROY—WHAR IS IT?

IT DIDN'T ARRIVE, SIR—in fact, IT NEVER WILL—THEY DIDN'T PUT IT OUT THIS YEAR—THERE!! I'VE SAID IT AND I'M SAD!!

CASPER, WAIT FOR YOUR BREAKFAST.

TOOTS, I'VE GOT TO BEAT EVERYBODY TO THE OFFICE THIS MORNING!

MY ONLY CHANCE TO GET THAT LETTER BACK IS TO GET THE FIRM'S P.O. BOX KEY, THEN GO TO THE POST OFFICE AND GET THE MAIL MYSELF!

TOO LATE! THE BOSS WENT AFTER THE MAIL HIMSELF THIS MORNING! IT'S THE FIRST TIME HE EVER GOT TO THE OFFICE EARLY.

THAT'S MY LETTER HE'S READING NOW! I CAN TELL THAT BY THE WAY HIS EYES NEARLY POPPED OUT OF HIS HEAD!

JIMMY MURPHY

ROSH—I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT FELIP HAS THE POWER OF MAKING PEOPLE TELL THE TRUTH!

IT'S TRUE!

WHA! I DIDN'T SEE YOU SEE THE "NO PARKING" SIGN?

YES, I DID! BUT I FIGURED I COULD GET AWAY WITH IT!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS A GUY'S EVER TOLD ME THE TRUTH!

ILL FOIL THAT CAT

SOMEONE POSING AS A SPOOK AGAIN!

FELIX THE CAT

MICKY MOUSE

BARNEY GOOGLE & SNUFFY SMITH

ETTA KETT

BRICK BRADFORD

TIM TYLER'S LUCK

MUGGS McGINNIS

NEWSPAPERARCHIVE



# Bears Down Alumni, 45-24, For Third Straight Victory

Boyetown High's basketball quintet extended its winning streak to three games last night by defeating the Alumni, 45-24, on the Boyertown High court.

In the preliminary game, the Boyertown junior varsity handily defeated the Alumni reserves 37-17.

Couch Herb Hartman's proteges got a fast start in the main event and ran up a 10-2 lead in the first period. The Alumni cagers slowed down the pace in the second quarter, but the Bears regained their form in the second half and turned the game into a rout.

JACK HARTLINE paced the high school leads to their third victory with 15 points via five field goals and three fouls. Malcolm Koons chipped in with 10. Paul Moatz led the Alumni with 10 points.

The junior varsity quintet also ran its victory string to three games at the expense of the Alumni. The jays started at a terrific pace and built up a comfortable lead in the first half. The Baby Bears continued their hot streak in the second half and turned in their highest point total to date.

Moyer and Rothenberger as

VARSITY GAME									
Alumni					Boyetown				
Neuman	10	1	1	1	McGee	10	1	1	1
Levens	10	1	1	1	McGee	10	1	1	1
Senack	10	1	1	1	McGee	10	1	1	1
Most	10	1	1	1	McGee	10	1	1	1
Reisenberger	10	1	1	1	McGee	10	1	1	1
Boyer	10	1	1	1	McGee	10	1	1	1
St. John	10	1	1	1	McGee	10	1	1	1
Boyer	10	1	1	1	McGee	10	1	1	1
Totals					Totals				
Score by period					Score by period				
Alumni					Boyetown				
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References: News and Sports					References: News and Sports				

JUNIOR VARSITY GAME									
Alumni					Boyetown				
Atwood	10	1	1	1	Boyer	10	1	1	1
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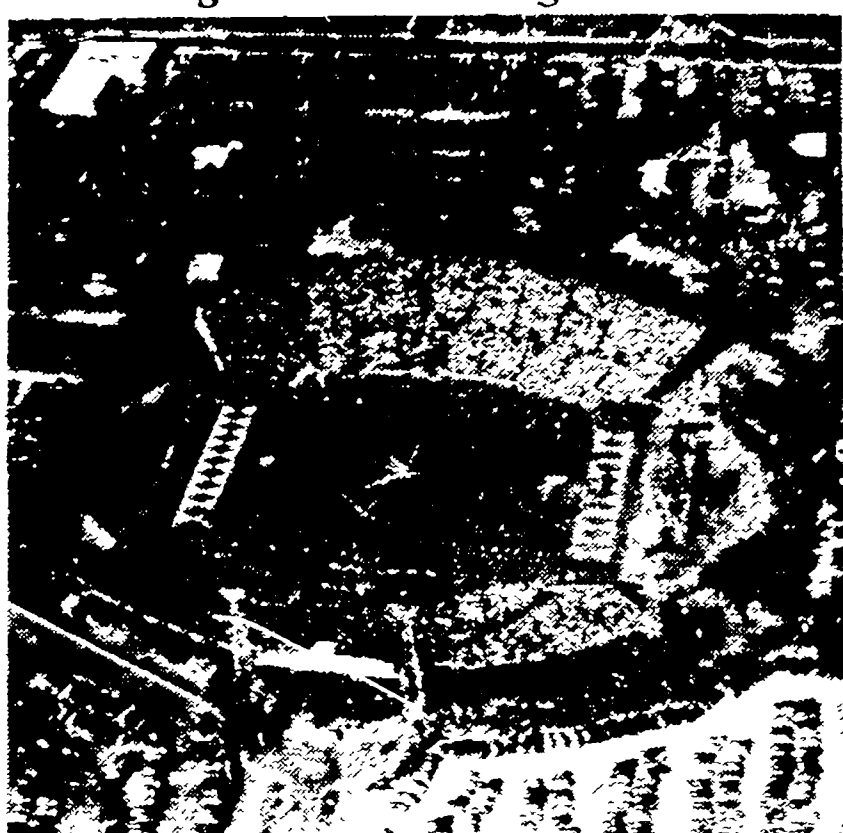
# Its Bulldogs Against Longhorns in Orange Bowl



George Petrovich  
Texas



Johnny Rauch  
Georgia



Orange Bowl site

Once beaten University of Georgia Bulldogs, topped only by North Carolina, will be in 1945 college ranks, will be bulwarked by tackle George Petrovich.

# ALUMNI RALLY NIPS PENNSBURG BY 29-27 SCORE

Graduates Break Tie  
In Fourth Quarter for  
Second Straight Win

For the second time this week, Pennsburg High's Alumni basketball team turned almost certain defeat into victory with a fourth period rally.

Last night the Alumni cagers went into the fourth period deadlocked with Coach Lou Rupp's Pennsburg High quintet and came out to defeat the schoolboys, 29-27.

A 17-point outburst in the fourth period of Monday night's game resulted in the Alumni's first victory over the Pennsburg schoolboys.

Pennsburg crew got off to a good start but couldn't hold the lead. The schoolboys held a 10-4 advantage at the end of the first period, but the Alumni tied it at 12-12 as the half ended.

EACH TEAM scored eight points apiece in the third quarter to start deadlocked at 26-26. The lead shifted hands early in the fourth quarter until the Alumni cagers clinched it in the last few minutes.

The schoolboys were outscored in field goals, 10-6, but good foul shooting kept them in the game. Pennsburg boys attempted 18 free throws and made good on 15.

The Bulldogs play their first Inter-Country League game next Tuesday, going to Collegeville to meet a strong Colonels outfit. The Colonels are favored to replace Royersford as league champion on this year.

Alumni					Pennsburg				
Sweet	10	1	1	1	Kire	10	1	1	1
D. Wolf	10	1	1	1	Thomas	10	1	1	1
Brew	10	1	1	1	Noble	10	1	1	1
Reisenberger	10	1	1	1	Reisenberger	10	1	1	1
Boyer	10	1	1	1	Boyer	10	1	1	1
St. John	10	1	1	1	St. John	10	1	1	1
Boyer	10	1	1	1	Boyer	10	1	1	1
Totals					Totals				
Score by period					Score by period				
Alumni					Pennsburg				
Pennsburg					Pennsburg				
References: News and Sports					References: News and Sports				

# Scribes Favor Northwestern In Rose Bowl

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 30 (AP)—Northwestern's Bob Voigts and Coach Lynn Waldorf of California met at an annual monster boxlunch at the annual monster boxlunch today, but both carefully refrained from shedding any light on the Rose Bowl struggle New Year's Day.

As some 3000 Kiwanis club members and sports guests gathered in Civic auditorium, Waldorf predicted a fine football game. Voigts again scoffed at the six and seven point odds variously quoted favoring his Wildcats from the Big Nine.

Most of the neutral visitors cautiously straddled the fence in naming a winner. There was patriotic support for their respective teams from officials of the rival Pacific Coast conference and the Big Nine.

OF THE FOOTBALL writers pooled, there was sectional support for California from the San Francisco Bay area. The same was true from the Midwest. But the over all count showed 15 voting for a Wildcat win, 10 for the Golden Bears and one predicted a tie game.

Both teams worked out for the first time in the Rose Bowl itself. California drove in from nearby Riverside and went through a snappy signal, passing and punting drill.

Voigts ushered his team onto the turf in the afternoon for a similar workout.

LANCASTER BUYS RUNGE MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 30 (AP)—Sale of the Interstate league was announced today by President Roger Allen of the Mobile Bears.

and punts returns and was tops in kicking with a 44-yard average. The Harbor Boat at San Diego, Calif., gets a gander at the season's premier passer—Stan Heath of Nevada, who will try his wits on Villanova. Setting new all-time aerial records, Heath led in both passing and total offense.

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# Bethlehem Next Foo For Trojan Cagers After Beating Alumni

Having chalked up their fourth win of the season at the expense of a strong Alumni aggregation Wednesday night, Pottstown High's Trojans yesterday began preparing for Bethlehem High's visit next week.

# COLONELS HAND ALUMNI CAGERS 30-20 SETBACK

Gerry Claycomb Leads  
Collegeville Attack on  
Grads With 20 Points

Gerry Claycomb went on a scoring spree last night and led the Collegeville High basketball team to an impressive 30-20 victory over a strong Alumni aggregation on the high school court.

Claycomb scored the nets for seven field goals and six fouls for a 20-point total, equalling the output of the entire Alumni team. Claycomb's seven field goals were the total of ten-pointers made by the Alumni. The graduates netted only six double digiters.

The Colonels took a 6-2 lead in the first quarter and were never headed thereafter, although the Alumni did come close in the second stanza when it closed the gap to 13-11.

The schoolboys just about clinched victory in the third quarter with an eight-point surge which gave them a commanding 21-14 advantage.

The Colonels open their bid to repeat the Inter-Country league championship at 11:00 p.m. Tuesday night playing host to Pennsburg. Collegeville held the title two years ago but finished behind Royersford the past year.

Alumni					Collegeville				
D. Moyer	10	1	1	1	Gember	10	1	1	1
Durand	10	1	1	1	Nace	10	1	1	1
Ward	10	1	1	1	Ward	10	1	1	1
Boyer	10	1	1	1	Boyer	10	1	1	1
Stevenson	10	1	1	1	Stevenson	10	1	1	1
Clark	10	1	1	1	Clark	10	1	1	1
J. Moyer	10	1	1	1	J. Moyer	10	1	1	1
Cook	10	1	1	1	Cook	10	1	1	1
Berg	10	1	1	1	Berg	10	1	1	1
St. John	10	1	1	1	St. John	10	1	1	1
O'Connell	10	1	1	1	O'Connell	10	1	1	1
Boyer	10	1	1	1	Boyer	10	1	1	1
Totals					Totals				
Score by period					Score by period				
Alumni					Collegeville				
Collegeville					Collegeville				
References: News and Sports					References: News and Sports				

# Yale Crew Favored To Win 2d Annual Palm Beach Regatta

PALE BEACH, Fla., Dec. 30 (AP)—A crowd of 25,000 is expected to line the shores of Lake Worth tomorrow for the second annual Regatta of the Palm Beaches, with crews from Yale, Cornell, Pennsylvania and Princeton competing.

Yale ruled a slight favorite with Coach Allen Walz' crew reported in top shape. The Pennsylvania oarsmen were rounding into shape but slight injuries handicapped the crews of Cornell and Princeton.

The course has been laid out opposite one of the finer residential sections of West Palm Beach and an estimated 185 yachts and smaller craft will line the waterway for the variety and jayvee races.

All crews will use Yale and Pennsylvania shells, which are rigidly standardized from Princeton and Cornell craft.

Jayvee races will be held at 4:30 p.m. and varsity races at 5 p.m.

Pascal Perry and Jimmy Rolter, 165-pound intercollegiate wrestling and boxing champions, respectively, are both juniors at Syracuse.

Coach Ed Good held a short workout at the Pottstown Junior High gymnasium yesterday afternoon and then dismissed his cagers until Monday afternoon. No practices are scheduled for the New Year holiday.

Yesterday, Good stressed simple fundamentals and said he was satisfied with the short workout. The Trojan mentor said he may go to Bethlehem Tuesday night to see the Hurricanes battle Coatesville, a team which the Trojans must play in Section Three of the Philadelphia Suburban conference.

"In this way," said Good, "I'll be able to see two of our opponents at the same time."

BETHLEHEM SPLIT even in its first four games, winning over West Philadelphia and Lebanon while losing to Reading and Radnor. The Hurricanes and Trojans have something in common, both teams having lost to Reading and defeated Lebanon.

The Hurricanes come here Wednesday night for the first time since 1945. Bethlehem and Pottstown didn't meet on the basketball court during the 1941-48 season.

Coach Joe Preletz will bring what's left of his championship squad here next week. Only one letterman is back from Bethlehem's East Penn league and District 11 championship squad.

The lone monogram winner is Francis "Fritz" Toner, a five-foot, seven-inch forward who has done most of the scoring for the Hurricanes to date. Toner has averaged about 11 points per game this season.

NINE OTHER players, coming either from the junior varsity ranks or city amateur teams, make up the varsity squad.

Teaming with Toner in the starting lineup will be Jimmy Smith, Steve Mellinger, Leonard Capuano and Pete Meza.

Smith is a five-foot, 11-inch forward; Mellinger stands six feet tall and jumps at center; Capuano, at 5-10, teams with Meza at guard. Meza is 6-1.

The reserves are just about the same size. Reports reveal that the team doesn't have much height or experience, but is a hustling club and is showing more promise with every game.

PETE CARRIL, an All-State selection the past year; Rocco Calvo, Gary Smith and Don Feiss have been graduated, and Preletz is having his troubles in finding suitable replacements.

Capuano is a hustling youngster brought up from the junior varsity ranks after the varsity dropped its first two starts. His spirit and ability has done a lot to ease the situation.

This will be the last game for the Trojans before they start on their Section Three schedule next Friday. West Chester High comes here for the first league duel with the Trojans. The Warriors are defending Section Three champions, but were weakened considerably by graduation the past spring.

# Earl Torgeson Signs Third Boston Contract

BOSTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—An old timer was sold to the Red Sox and a coming star signed for his third year in the majors at Boston today.

While the Red Sox were announcing the sale of veteran relief pitcher Earl Caldwell to the Birmingham Barons of the Southern Association, the Braves signed Earl Torgeson to play first base again next season.

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# \$500,000 Expansion For Delaware Park Planned by Officials

WHAMINGTON, Del., Dec. 30 (AP)—Delaware Park officials today announced plans for a \$500,000 expansion, reversing a trend among the nation's race tracks to stand pat in the face of smaller crowds, less racing and slimmer (if any) profits.

However, Delaware Park's '48 betting receipts showed an increase of about two percent over the preceding year.

"But we were one of the few major tracks in the country to make this advance," President Donald P. Ross said. "It surprised us more than anyone else."

Last year a total of \$25,976,574 was wagered at the track compared to \$25,478,188 in 1947.

ATTENDANCE dropped though—

roughly one percent.

When the 1949 meeting opens May 16, Delaware Park's grandstand and club will be 735 feet long or nearly double the present 438 feet.

Ross laughed off reports that racing may crack at the seams financially.

"It is true that mutual betting has dropped off," Ross told a news conference, "but this is healthy and to be expected after the war years. Soon it will stabilize."

ROSS ASSERTED that even while betting has dropped sharply attendance had fallen "very little and had not increased in some places."

Ross estimated that the enlarging of the present grandstand—built in 1937—would cost \$250,000, the first house extension about \$100,000 and other general improvements to turf and surroundings an additional \$150,000.

Bryan Field, vice president and general manager of the track said he expects plant will have a seating capacity of more than 20,000—double the facilities now available.

"THE STEEL and other materials were ordered months ago," Field said. "Delivery is set for January. Slowing ample cushion for delays here should be a seat for everyone excepting day."

Delaware Park sprawls over 400 acres. Besides its main racing oval it embraces four other courses, three of them for jumpers.

In 1943, a total of 332,331 persons attended the 28-day meeting or an average of 12,744 daily.

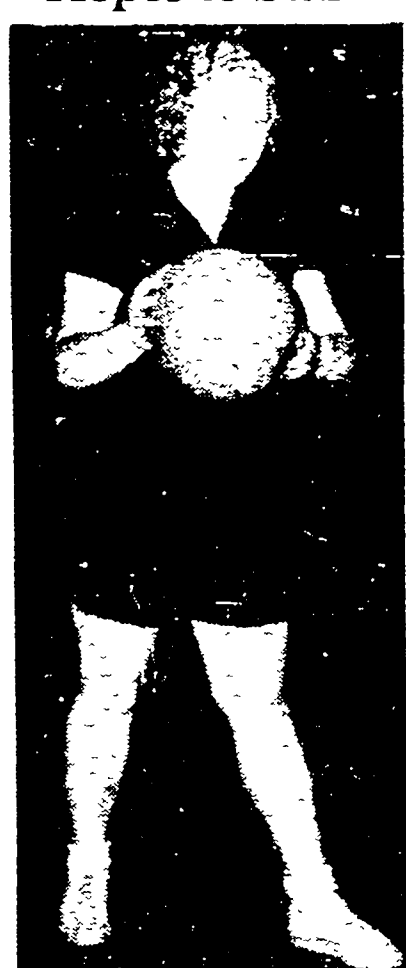
The expansion will make Delaware Park one of the largest—if not the largest—in the Jersey-Delaware Maryland area.

# oe DiMaggio Selected Outstanding Sportsman

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 30 (AP)—Joe DiMaggio, New York Yankees' outfielder, will be honored at a dinner here Jan. 14 as a climax to a annual Children's Cardiac foundation benefit.

DiMaggio will receive a plaque as an outstanding sportsman of the year. Governor Fuller Warren of Florida will make the presentation.

# Hopes to Start



—Mercury Staff Photo  
Jane West (above) is one of the holdovers from the past year's West Pottsgrove girls basketball team and hopes to be in the starting lineup when the Falcons open their eight-game schedule next month. Miss West has two years of experience on the West Pottsgrove team.

ROSS ASSERTED that even while betting has dropped sharply attendance had fallen "very little and had not increased in some places."

# Texas, Louisiana Schools Dominate Track Meet

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30 (AP)—Athletes from Texas and Louisiana schools dominated the Sugar Bowl track meet here today, two victories out of the five events going to each of those states.

Paul Benz of Tulane, who calls Fort Wayne, Ind., his home and Tulane his alma mater, equaled the meet record of 9.9 in winning the 100-yard dash. No other marks were threatened.

Tom Dickey of Louisiana state turned in the other Louisiana victory, taking the half mile in one minute 55 seconds.

JERRY THOMPSON of Texas won the mile run, as expected, in four minutes, 20.9 seconds. The mile relay went to Texas A. and M.'s team of D. R. McNeill, Connally, Ludwig, E. G. Bidderack and C. R. Hornbrook. Their time was three minutes 21.4 seconds.

Jim Gehres of Penn State won the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.9 seconds.

The track was still soggy from recent rains, the temperature was in the forties and a stiff, chill north wind was blowing.

About 2000 spectators saw the affair.

# Redskins Offer Bryant Long-Term Contract

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30 (AP)—Kentucky football coach Paul Bryant has been offered a lush, long-term contract to coach the professional Washington Redskins, it was learned here today.

Bryant himself has declined to confirm or deny previous reports he was under consideration for the position vacated this week by Turk Edwards, but a spokesman close to university athletics said he had been offered approximately twice as much as he is receiving here.

The Kentucky salary has not been disclosed, but Bryant is believed to receive \$11,00







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### Railroads Granted Temporary Boost In Freight Rates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The railroads today won temporary freight rate increases amounting to about \$425,000,000 a year.

They said they needed this money—and more too—to meet higher material and labor costs.

The carriers had asked for a temporary increase of 5 percent pending action by the Interstate Commerce commission on their plea for a permanent 13 percent hike. Today the commission granted them increases averaging something over 5 percent.

The railroads were authorized to put the temporary increases in effect upon five days' notice to the public. This means five days after tariffs have been filed with the ICC.

**THE RAILWAY EXPRESS** agency's revenues also got a boost today. The ICC authorized the company to put into effect nationally its so-called Western scale of rates. The Western rates are about 10 cents a hundred higher than the Eastern-Southern scale. It was estimated the company would pick up nearly \$7,000,000 additional revenue a year.

Here are the temporary increases granted the railroads:

With Eastern and Southern territories and between those territories (East of the Mississippi river), 5 percent; within some one of Western trunk-line territory (Iowa, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota), 5 percent; Western territory other than some one, 4 percent; between territories other than Eastern and Southern, 5 percent.

The increases granted today, plus others authorized since June 23, 1946, amount to about \$2,900,000,000 annually for an over-all increase of about 52 percent.

The railroads recently told the commission that increased material costs since Nov. 1, 1947, plus higher wages already in effect or recommended, total approximately \$637,000,000 a year.

Birds have been seen taking baths when the temperature was only 10 to 20 degrees above zero.

### Tots Beat Immigration Deadline



In time to beat the immigration deadline for GI dependents, these three bouncing babies, born in Germany to war-bride mothers, arrive at La Guardia airport, New York. They are (left to right): Victoria Wolfe, four months, Oakland, Md.; Ruth Kerrington, four months, Lavonia, N. Y., and Peter Hermann, nine months, The Bronx, N. Y.

### Church Is Bequeathed \$500 in Bechtel Will

By Staff Correspondent

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 30—Ida S. Bechtel, West Pottsgrove, who died Dec. 13, directed that \$500 be given to St. Paul's Reformed church of Stone and 10th to a niece, Charlotte Ida Weiss, of Detroit, Mich.

The balance of her \$500 estate is to be shared by a sister, Lizzie Weiss, Norristown, and a brother, Frank Weiss, Detroit.

Elsie E. Dicks, Rogersford, who died Dec. 22, leaving an estate of \$220, directed that \$25 each is to be given to two sons, Earl L. and Chester M. Dicks, and a daughter, Alfarata M. Gross, and the balance of the estate is to go to another daughter, J. Virginia Dicks.

### Four Are Hospitalized In Collision on Turnpike

SOMERSET, Dec. 30 (AP)—A two-car collision on the Pennsylvania turnpike near the Somerset interchange today hospitalized four persons here. They were Thomas Dodge, 38, his son, Walter, 17, and Albert Brown, all of Anderson, Ind., and Roslyn Mott, 30, of New York City. Thomas Dodge suffered a possible skull fracture. State police said one of the automobiles skidded on the icy highway and slid into the other car.

### Building Trade Unions and Employees Plan Meeting to Settle Jurisdictional Problems

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—AFL building and construction unions today were out to overhaul the peace machinery they set up nine months ago—under government prodding—to reduce jurisdictional strikes.

A major point of friction, the unions say, is a tendency of employers to send minor cases up for arbitration. The unions argue that this clogs the work of the special boards set up to handle the tougher jurisdictional and other disputes.

AFL unions involved include carpenters, bricklayers, electrical workers, painters, plumbers and teamsters. A jurisdictional dispute is a row between two unions as to which has the right to do a certain job.

The peace plan called for settlement of such disputes by arbitration. The whole future of the plan is threatened if the employers and unions can't settle their differences at a special meeting in Miami beginning Jan. 26.

The plan, signed by the Contractors' association and 19 AFL unions the past March, provides that it may be changed or abandoned on Dec. 31 each year.

**NOTICE OF A** desire to reconsider the plan was given by the building trades unions to the employers, but the agreement was extended to allow the contractors and unions to get together at the Miami party.

The machinery was worked out after conferences with the National Labor Relations board, which has assumed responsibility for jurisdictional disputes.

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Richard Gray, president of the AFL's Building and Construction Trades department, notified the employer associations that:

"A number of our organizations feel that too many cases are being submitted by employers on which decisions are being requested and that quite frequently these requests are on items of work that have never been in dispute before, and are not covered by decisions or agreements of record."

**FREIGHT DERAILLED**  
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30 (AP)—Two cars of a 97-car eastbound Pennsylvania railroad freight train derailed near suburban Corlies station today, and delayed commuter service more than an hour.

**UNDER THE PLAN**, an impartial chairman was named to administer the various arbitration boards handling grievances. The chairman is John Donlop of the Harvard university school of business administration.

One top union officer said:

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### Township Fire Company Asks Court for Charter

By Staff Correspondent

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 30—Application for a charter has been filed with the Common Pleas court by the Upper Pottsgrove township fire company No. 1, of Pottstown RD 3.

Listing no assets, the petition declares that the principal aim of the organization is "to support a fire engine and hose company for the prevention and extinguishing of fires and saving and protecting life and property from injury by fire."

Incorporators are: Collier Rhoads, John Prou, Michael Groat, Edward Hughes, Robert John, Robert Heimback, Forrest Prou, Raymond Henry, Harold Rhoads, Lloyd Rhoads, George Mohler, John W. Padler Sr., Paul Firing, Horace Tyson, Joseph Tosto, Russell McConnell, Maurice Hartenstein, all of Pottstown RD 3; Robert Patterson.

### Police Suspect Firebug In 3 Fires in 45 Minutes

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30 (AP)—A firebug or burglars who sought to hide their work with blazes today caused three fires in 45 minutes in nearby Reserve and Ross townships, police theorized.

This opinion was offered by Police Chief Frank J. Steward of Reserve township, after a barn and two houses were set afire.

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